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Retired IBM executive wins bid for Frost Centre

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Al Aubry is one of those people who can survive on four hours' sleep a night. He'll need all the extra time he can get if he is to reach his goal of welcoming campers to the new Frost Centre Institute on June 23, 2006.

The province has chosen the retired IBM executive to take over the operations of the former Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre near Dorset.

"What I feel best about is that the place has a future," Aubry said Thursday, the day that the provincial government announced that his bid had won over one proposed by Friends of the Frost, a local volunteer organization.

"This is to preserve the history and traditions of environmental outdoor education but in a model that's financially feasible," Aubry says. "The winner is the Frost Centre, not FCI."

Aubry, who lives on Boshkung Lake, is the principal shareholder of FCI. His partners are local artist Wayne Rose, who has his Master's in arts and science education, and Kyla Greenham, the manager of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association's fish hatchery. Her Master's degree is in aquaculture.

The FCI proposal includes:

• five two-week summer camps for youth. Half the time will be spent on environment science, including working with professional scientists taking advantage of $4 million in research grants that FCI will provide over the next 10 years. Twenty-five per cent of the programming will be arts-based and the other 25 per cent will focus on non-motorized water activities such as sailing and canoeing. Those older than 14 can also get scuba diving certification.

• running the property as a conference centre on weekdays for the remainder of the year.

• offering school boards throughout Ontario 35 free weekends at the Frost. The FCI will pay for all costs except busing and teacher over-time. Most activities will be based on environmental science but Aubry says that after talking with teachers, two of those will be "fix-up weekends" for students not interested in the sciences. They can work on such projects such as building docks and picnic tables.

• and 10 special arts weekends, such as one in the fall when people will get instructions in operating a digital camera, go out on the trails that surround the centre to take photos and return to learn how to "tweak" their photos or use them as inspiration for other arts program. The cost will be $20. Aubry said this facet of his proposal was added after a town-hall meeting revealed public concern that there wasn't enough community programming in his original plan. The centre can also be used by local non-profit groups, such as service clubs and lake associations, for some of their meetings.

Public access to Lake St. Nora, a boat ramp and portage routes, as well as all the hiking trails on the adjoining 23,000 hectares of

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CASEY LESSARD/Echo

Sounds heavenly

Tenor Bill Wark gives it all he's got during a performance of An Off-Beat Christmas presented by the Haliburton Messiah Choir Saturday night. In all, the choir's 64 singers performed 17 songs, with one interpreted twice by voices in each of the high and low ranges. For more photos see page 8.

Highlands East denies recount

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

Despite requests from two election candidates, Highlands East will not hold a ballot recount unless a successful court challenge requires them to do so.

During their final meeting last Tuesday, three outgoing councillors – including retiring Reeve Keith Tallman, Deputy-reeve Bill Howe, and Ward 4 councillor Rick Forget – all voted against holding recounts. Councillors Suzanne Partridge and Donna Graham were forced to abstain from voting due to their direct involvement in the matter.

Basil Cox and Chuck Viner, who ran in Wards 2 and 3 respectively, filed the recount requests. Cox, who was defeated by only nine votes in Ward 2, submitted a request for a recount of every ballot cast during the November 13 election – including all rejected voter kits. Viner, who lost by a larger margin of 76 votes in Ward 3, made

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Haliburton's pot of gold

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Moon Shadows Winery's Strawberry Shortcake up for award

here, there & everywhere
news and events worth noting

ARE YOU A FAN of Moon Shadows Estate Winery's Strawberry Shortcake wine? Well, the Ontario Wine Review likes this wine from the Highlands and has nominated it for a Crystal Cork Award. People can vote on-line (in the best fruit category) from now until midnight on December 31. Since it's a people's choice award, the more people who vote for the wine, the better the chances of winning. To see the list of nominees and learn how the voting is taking place, please visit www.ontariowinereview.com. Meanwhile, if you'd like a taste of what all the buzz is about so you can take part in the vote, the winery is open Wednesdays to Sundays for samplings. It's on Highway 118 south of West Guilford at the Maple Moon gift store.

We had a fascinating phone call from Gary Collins about last week's Pic of the Past. The photo showed a group of women who worked at a Toronto munitions during the Second World War. The women in the front row are each holding a canvas bag and there are more piled on the ground in front of them. These were called ditty bags and they were prepared each fall to give to sailors in the navy in the hopes they'd be received by Christmas. The ditty bag contained such things as knit scarves and socks, cigarettes, chocolates, writing paper – anything that would help make a sailor's life better on the ship. In Toronto, each school class was given the name of a sailor and they'd fill a ditty bag just for him. "It was a big effort during the war," Mr. Collins says. Webster's Dictionary says the term originated circa 1855 to describe "a small bag used especially be sailors to hold sewing implements, toiletries, etc.". Our thanks to Mr. Collins for sharing this bit of history with us.

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Is there a doctor in the college?

Art student doubles as emergency department doc

STEVE GALEA

Special to The Echo

At sixty years old, Dr. Laurel Shugarman seems to have hit her stride. Actually, *stride* might be an odd word for someone who describes herself as a "moving target." In any case, our latest emergency room practitioner is also someone with lofty artistic aspirations and the freedom to follow wherever her heart leads.

"My goal has always been to live out my fantasies," says the good doctor who is doing double time as an arts student at Fleming College and an emergency doctor at the Haliburton Hospital in her "spare" time. "I've lived my life as an independent free spirit and I'm at a wonderful stage in life where I can do as I please."

To say Shugarman lives an interesting and full life might be the understatement of the week. In the short time allotted to this most interesting interview, she tells me stories of leaving home at 16, being a go-go dancer in Toronto, being the first flower vendor in that same city, and being the subject of several columns written by famed *Globe and Mail* journalist Richard Needham. And here's the kicker: all that was before she ever took the medical world by storm.

Shugarman's list of medical achievements is lengthy too. After getting her Master of Social Work at the University of Toronto, she decided that adding M.D. to her resume would be worthwhile. In typical fashion, she went all out, working in emergency departments, specializing in substance abuse issues, consulting government and more. She became the clinical director of outpatient substance abuse in the psychiatry department at North York General in Toronto. And somewhere in that time she found the energy to go to Paris to study acupuncture too. She left her prestigious career in Toronto, however, in 1997 swearing to never practice medicine in an urban setting again, after being disillusioned by the assembly-line mentality of city medicine.

CASEY LESSARD/Echo

Dr. Laurel Shugarman is on duty part-time at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services emergency department in Haliburton. "They always need doctors in emerg," she says. "Also the head of the board (Dick Charron) is an old colleague of mine. He was chief of medicine at North York General when I was an emergency doctor there."

This eventually led her to a beautiful and isolated setting on the north end of Vancouver Island on Alert Bay where she became the only physician to the 'Namgis First Nation, known for their totem carvers and potlatches. From there, she forged a relationship with the University of British Columbia, developed a security and health care system for the aboriginal community, and opened up a new hospital to care for their needs. This earned her the native name *Gwakwa la' enuch*, "She who saves lives."

In the last four years, she's transformed once again, this time into a medical pilgrim, pulling a 21-foot trailer south just prior to our eastern winter, and then crossing the U.S. from west to east, and then heading north again so that she could spend winter in her home in Alert Bay, serving the aboriginal community. In spring, she reverses her journey until she is finally back east where her lively 87-year-old mother and two successful adult daughters reside. She tells stories of being stranded in South Dakota or having her weenies confiscated at the border, as if it were a matter of course to anyone who has the desire and spirit for adventure. When she says she's got enough tales to write a book, it's not hard to believe.

She now schedules work in emergency rooms across Canada to coincide with her passing through or, in the case of Haliburton, with her studies at Sir Sandford Fleming College where she is currently earning a certificate in drawing and painting. She has studied watercolour painting courses here in the past.

As a doctor I stood by the bed
As I toiled twixt the quick and the dead
But now in the hush
I heal with a brush
And bring life to a canvas instead.

Dr Laurel Shugarman

This lifestyle has allowed her to assume *locum tenuns* (a medical term for 'taking the place of') in emergency rooms in the Charlottes, Sioux Lookout, Kirkland Lake, Campbellford, to name a few. "This allows me to be very flexible and to follow my interests. Country doctors always need relief."

Despite the travel bug, she says her heart is still in Ontario. "When I first went to B.C., I discovered that I missed the seasons." Perhaps this is natural for someone who has cottaged at Lake Kashabog, north of Havelock, for 40 years. She still maintains that place as one of her many bases of operation and confesses being torn between the beauty of the west coast and Ontario. "Though my history is with the geography of Ontario, I guess I'm living with a foot in both worlds."

As for her interest in art, it goes back 20 years to when she was practicing Jungian analysis therapy. "This teaches that symbols are the language of the psyche and the idea of art began to intrigue me. I think the seed took hold there."

She admits, however, that she came to it late. "My father and brother were good at it, but I avoided it because I certainly didn't want to be like them," she jokes. "But four years ago, I took a course called drawing for the absolute beginner in Austin, Texas, and discovered that I could do it. It felt like a homecoming and since then I've immersed myself in it."

The good doctor, however, has no illusions. "I still see myself as very much of a beginner. I'm definitely learning, but my drawing skills and composition are improving and I'm getting more comfortable with the materials. Eventually, I plan to do shows but I know I've got a lot to learn yet."

She's taken with the natural beauty of Haliburton and says were lucky to have Fleming College as well as the fine medical facilities we do. She's even considered buying a home here.

Asked if she misses the hectic life of a highly successful doctor, she says leaving her career was very difficult. "But I think the transition is complete. Though I'm a work in progress, I've found a rhythm. I'm no longer tempted to go back..."

Then she smiles a very contented smile and recalls that when she was much younger wrote in her journal: "Dear God, let me be anything but ordinary."

I think it's safe to say that prayer was answered.

The doctor becomes Laurel Douglas when she creates her art. "I used to be a doctor who did art," she says from her seat in the drawing and painting class at Fleming College. "Now I'm an artist who does medicine. Just a little bit."

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Information gained through the national wild bird survey is helping Canadian animal health experts better understand the influenza viruses present in resident and migratory bird populations. In certain situations, testing of wild birds can provide an early warning system for viruses of concern to domestic poultry health.

For more information on avian influenza, visit www.ontario.ca/birdflu.

Recount won't change the numbers: council

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a similar plea to council, arguing that high ballot rejection rates (approximately 21 per cent in Highlands East) compromised the democratic process.

Tallman, Howe, and Forget unanimously voted against the appeals after municipal clerk Irene Cook advised them that the municipality is not legally permitted to open the rejected ballots. Cook noted that council could legally approve a recount of the properly-cast ballots (much like the township of Minden Hills) but doing so was deemed to be a fruitless undertaking by the outgoing councillors.

According to the Elections Act, any recount would have to take place in exactly the same manner as the November 13 election. Since Highlands East used electronic ballot tabulators (which have a very low margin of error), council's belief was that the outcome would almost certainly be no different a second time around.

"Staff has followed the proper process, and if you did a recount with a tabulator you would get exactly the same result because the human element is not there" said Howe. "In my opinion we should pass a resolution saying no, and let them go through the courts [to challenge the rejected ballots], because all you're doing by holding a recount of the good ballots is wasting time."

Likewise, since both Cox and Viner were requesting not only a recount but the opening of rejected ballots, council felt that approving a recount of only the properly-submitted ballots would fail to satisfy their requests.

"I don't think we can win either way on this one," said Reeve Tallman. "If we hold a recount, and it turns out the same, they're going to take it to the courts anyway."

In a letter addressed to the clerk, Cox said that he has heard of a number of municipalities in Ontario – including townships within Grey County and Bruce County – that had taken the liberty of opening their spoiled ballots. With that in mind, he questioned why Highlands East had not made a similar move upon realizing there was a problem with the voter kits.

Cook says that even before the controversy over the high number of rejected ballots arose, Highlands East had a policy which said that unless the voter kit was properly submitted, the ballots would not be accepted.

And after the concerns surfaced over the high number of rejected ballots, council sought legal advice, and their lawyer advised them not to open the rejected ballots.

According to his letter, Cox will now seek legal advice, and may request a "full-fledge election." He will also seek compensation from Highlands East for any expenses incurred, legal or otherwise.

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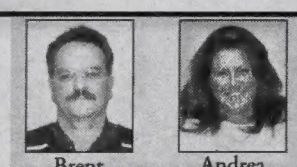
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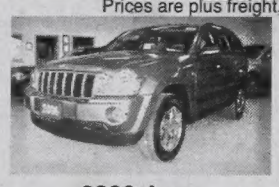
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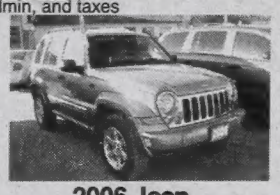
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Film group makes war personal

Highlanders asked to share their memories

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With George Farrell behind the camera, Tammy Rae of Highlands Media Arts interviews Grace Boice about her memories of World War I. Boice was born in Wales in 1914.

She might have only been a toddler during the First World War but Grace Boice was aware that all was not right.

"I don't really remember too much except we had rabbits and they killed them for food," says Boice, who was born in Wales in 1914. "I remember crying for the rabbits."

She also remembers her older brother who got a flag and paraded up and down the street when the war ended.

"I had an uncle [in the war] but he wouldn't talk. He wouldn't mention a word about the war. He'd always change the subjects."

These are exactly the type of memories that members of Highlands Media Arts wanted to hear when they set up their camera at the Community Care Christmas luncheon at the Haliburton Legion last Thursday. As part of the lead up to the presentation of *Joyeux Noel*, a film about a ceasefire on Christmas Eve during the First World War, they invited the guests to take some time to share of their own memories of Canada at war.

Grace Boice was probably the only person present who had memories of both the First and Second World Wars. In the 1940s she worked in naval intelligence after signing up with the WRENS (Women's Royal Naval Service.) She was in Halifax during the riots when the powers that be closed all the bars and liquor stores on Victory in Europe day, 1945.

Elva Robinson also shared some of her memories on film . Her uncle, Chris Coates, was born in 1898. He signed up with the army in 1914 and was shipped overseas. "His father enlisted too and they shipped him over but when they found out how old he was they shipped him home again."

Chris Coates, who fought at Vimy Ridge, was captured by the Germans three times and always managed to escape. They told him if he tried to escape again they'd shoot him, but he outfoxed them and lived until his late 80s, spending some of his time at his cottage on Soyers Lake.

Joyeux Noel will have two showings at the Molou Theatre on December 14, one at 1 p.m. and one at 7 p.m., as part of the Those Other Movies film series. Call 286-4179 for tickets.

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The new reality

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echo **editorial** *martha perkins*

Although the province has not stated the reasons why it did not choose the Friends of the Frost to give new life to the Frost Centre, it's fair to believe that money played a role in the decision. To a certain extent, the Friends' bid was to keep the Frost Centre much as it was. They said they'd money at the beginning but would become sustainable in six months. The government must have seen that as a big gamble. It is not interested in being any way responsible for its operating costs and would balk at even the slightest possibility. Commit itself to helping in the beginning and it might find itself paying part of the costs for years. Isn't that what it closed the centre to avoid doing?

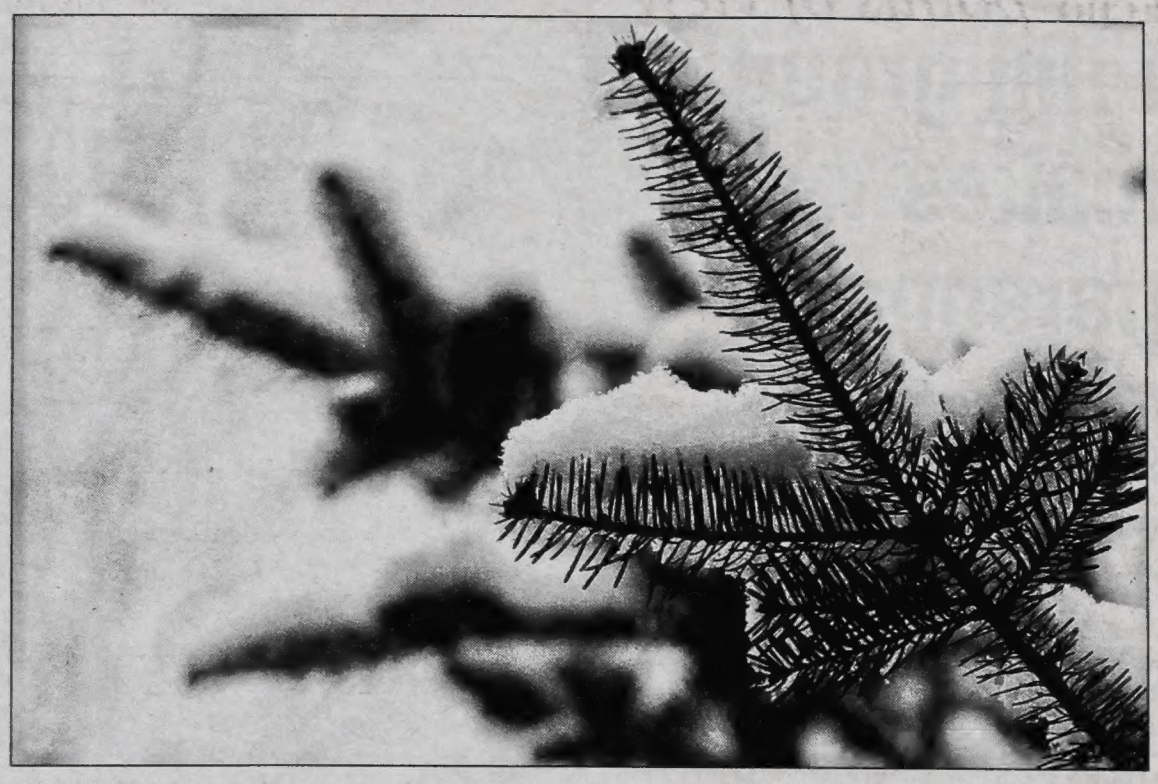
The winning bid from the Frost Centre Institute, however, started the process with $3 million in the bank. The money is a loan from FCI's president, retired IBM executive Al Aubry, who lives on Boshkung Lake and who, with his wife, has immersed himself in Highlands life. Aubry hopes to be repaid – it's an interest-free loan – but he says that's not a priority. Nonetheless, he's putting his money where his dreams are, which is saying a lot about his commitment to the project.

And his dreams are big. Some people may find them as far-fetched as the Friends' promise to be self-sustaining in six months. Aubry, however, does have a lot of experience in running organizations, too, so he deserves the benefit of the doubt when it comes to believing whether he can pull it off.

Josh Matlow has probably the best response to the news that FCI and not the Friends won the bid. This is the new reality. The Frost Centre will never again be the way it was. You can spend your lifetime railing against the government to turn back the clock but it won't change a thing. The FCI's bid, while imperfect, does have the centre re-opening by June 2007 and, more importantly, it got the government's support. The government, meanwhile, retains ownership. This, we hope, will prevent the Frost Centre from sharing the same fate as the former Bark Lake Leadership Centre, which is about to become a residential development.

Aubry also seems willing to respond to concerns that his programming is too elitist. He's offered the centre for free to school groups and will open workshops to the public for a nominal fee. But by ensuring that the Frost Centre pays for itself he'll have to charge for its use.

This money-oriented approach may fly in the face of the Frost Centre's history but at least it gives it a future. And that is a lot better than what we've got now – a closed building.



Bonne hiver. *Photo by* CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

Outsmarting a deer

SOME PEOPLE SAY that deer hunting is unfair because we humans are much smarter than the animals we hunt. Those people have never met me.

Sure, my IQ allows me to take into consideration such important factors as the bedding area, food sources, and various stages of the rut. I do the same for the deer too. But does it help? No.

the not so great **outdoorsman** *steve galea*

Last Thursday, for instance, I went out to my tree stand hoping to catch deer moving at the last light on the last day of the bow season. I was downwind of a well-used deer trail that stood between where the deer loiter and a pile of apples that I had accidentally dropped right in the middle of the woods. I knew that the deer were visiting those apples every evening - I've seen it happen several times. Which is why I accidentally drop some apples every day.

Moreover, my mid-day scouting showed three new buck scrapes along that route, as well as 342 individually documented pieces of deer scat, several of which I sent to a lab for analysis. Unfortunately, this yielded no useful information, although I did get a prescription for brain worm.

There were also four different sets of tracks, one of which had a chipped nail causing that buck to favour its front left hoof so that, over the course of 300 steps, it has no choice but to veer right, six to eight inches depending on the wind velocity. Naturally, I took this vital information into account when formulating my plan, and thus concluded that those deer would always come the same way if they just followed their old tracks. Yes, if they wanted apples, they had to come through me.

As I sat in my tree stand, taking pleasure in the season's last refreshing November rain dripping down the back of my collar while the sun set and temperature plummeted, I thought, next year I might actually have to start hunting more intelligent deer.

As expected, at last light, a nice buck did come.

Had he been more intelligent, he might have taken the same route as all the other deer. But no, he had to be different. Instead, probably due to some severe mental defect, he avoided the convenience of the well-used trail and made his way through an ugly thicket 25 yards downwind of my stand. Then, when he winded me, he stood broadside at that range, staring like an idiot for a good five minutes, just outside of my shooting arc. Admittedly, I also stood still and broadside to him, but I swear I looked much less idiotic when I stared back. I happen to think bones growing out of your head make the difference.

Anyhow, soon after, I began squirming imperceptibly under his watchful but unintelligent eyes. I finally maneuvered my feet around so that I could then swivel my torso, which would have allowed me to shoot my crossbow. Of course, it then occurred to me that even if I could shoot, I was losing light rapidly and that the cover he was in was so thick that I might not be able to slip an arrow through it anyhow. "What kind of dumb animal would stand in a place like that?" I thought.

As I began to raise the crossbow, the wind gusted from me to the buck. He then scented me and bolted back to the woods.

With the last bow hunt of the season thus concluded, I climbed down from my stand and walked over to the bait. Then, I picked one overripe apple from the pile and took a nice juicy bite. You know, if he was watching me from somewhere in the woods, I hope he felt stupid.

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Tree thieves

down our **road**

sharon lynch

THE SNOW WAS COMING at them sideways and Lisa was ready to call the whole thing off. When George had picked her up in the city that morning, Lisa had looked up to see large fluffy clouds crowding the western horizon, interspersed with clear blue sky the colour of her grandmother's dishes.

George had promised a special weekend at his home in the country. Although they had been close cousins as children, after university they had grown apart, Lisa staying in the city and George settling in the country. He had always been a lot of fun and done the most outrageous things when they were teenagers. Lisa thought he now seemed quite staid as he carefully wove his way through the cars heading north. He would drive her back on Sunday since he had an appointment in the city the next day. George had never married and now all his energy went into his business.

He had invited her to come for the weekend and help him decorate his house for the Christmas holidays. He was hosting an important party for his customers and wanted some of Lisa's famous pizzazz.

Once on the road and away from the moderating effect of Lake Ontario, Lisa was surprised by winter's appearance. Suddenly there was a layer of snow along the side of the highway. And it was growing thicker as they drove.

The traffic thinned and, as they turned off the main highway, the faint tracks of preceding vehicles disappeared into the snowy distance. Lisa felt her stomach sink. This was not going to be a pleasant drive, however enticing their final destination might be. Then George dropped another surprise.

He wanted to get an evergreen on their way so that Lisa could include it in the house's holiday décor. She protested. The weather was terrible. But he insisted, saying he knew the perfect spot.

The perfect spot? Were they not surrounded by trees ? George explained it was complicated and he knew what he was doing. So Lisa sat back in her seat and peered through the snow, now thickly angled and coming at their car with a vengeance. Thank goodness there were no other cars on the road. George seemed imperturbed by the weather, ploughing onward in a determined way.

As the car fishtailed around a few curves and Lisa's anxiety began to peak, George announced their destination was up ahead. All Lisa saw was an old weathered fence running parallel to the road, fading in and out of sight in the blowing snow.

George pulled over, though Lisa could not be certain they were even off the road. He had a bad knee, an old football injury. It was another reason he had asked for her help. Handing her the saw, he indicated a perfect spruce about six feet tall on the other side of the fence. It looked ideal but she asked if it was not on someone's property.

George replied there was no one for miles and that the fence was part of a deserted homestead that over the years had been returning to the forest. Other than this tree, Lisa could see nothing but snow whipping in sheets around where they stood. George said if she could cut the tree and drag it through the snow to the car, he could get it on the roof.

She agreed and, saw in hand, waded through the drifts. Snow filled the top of her sneakers and her gloves were pathetically thin. But she forged on confidently.

The effort seemed worthwhile when, about an hour later, the tree stood in its stand in George's front hall. He poured them both a fortified egg nog and they enjoyed the rest of the evening, reminiscing about their childhood exploits at the lake. The weekend was a great success, a highlight being the gem of a tree Lisa had felled and decorated.

That summer Lisa learned where the tree had originated. She had been invited back for a weekend barbecue in July, with George again providing the transportation. As they drove along the same road, now cloaked in green and the air filled with the trill of song birds, Lisa recognized the old fence. How different it all looked without the snow.

To her chagrin, she realized the fence edged the front lawn of a farmhouse that was old but occupied, at least this time of year. Along the inside of the fence, someone had obviously planted a line of spruce trees some time back, perhaps hoping to create a screen from the road. Lisa counted the trees, spaced about fifteen feet apart. One, two, three, gap, four. The gap was where she had stood in the winter, sawing in a snow storm. She felt her face flush. George never said a word but he was watching her out of the corner of his eye as they drove past. That was when she realized he hadn't really changed at all.

pic of the past

The week's Pic of the Past was taken on John and Annie (Sharples) Hoyle's farm on Dutch Line, Snowdon Twp.. No. 1 is Annie's only son Thomas Richard Hoyle b.1890. The chap wearing a fedora and seated between No.1 and No.2 is a Lewis, maybe Percy. No. 2 is Annie's son-in-law Ben Reynolds. No. 3 is Raymond John Henry Geeza. No. 4 is Annie's oldest of her seven girls, Margaret "Maggie" Hoyle who married Thomas Walker in 1916. No. 5 is Annie's fourth oldest child, Bessie Eleanor Hoyle b. 1896. Number 6 is Annie Hoyle. The Hoyles' grandson, Gren Schrader, who submitted this photo and information for us, thinks the young woman sitting on the left of Ben Reynolds is his aunt Annie Tirzah (Hoyle) Reynolds.

letters to the editor

Frost Centre's hopes rest on FCI

To the Editor:

Perma-Frost came together as a group because people recognized that something very precious and vital to the community, and to citizens everywhere, was about to be lost with the closure of the Frost Centre. The announcement on November 30 that the Centre will be reopened is one that evokes a mixed reaction. We're relieved that it will be reopened but will the government's choice restore what was so precious and vital there? Only time will tell.

There is some sadness that those who knew the Frost Centre best, who communicated the vital messages of sustainability and wise resource management so well were not chosen. At this point one can only hope that the Frost Centre Institute group will not hesitate to draw upon the expertise of those who made the former centre such a beacon and leader in the field of environmental education.

At the community forum held last summer, it was clear that the community overwhelmingly wanted the kind of unique and wonderful education which made the Frost Centre so precious and worthwhile to still be available to the children and young adults of Ontario. Perhaps the FCI group will respond to the community voice and incorporate more of what the Frost Centre was into its future. One hopes that this will be the case.

The students are still out there. The young adults can still be opened to the realities which the wilderness can teach them – realities about themselves and their vital relationship to that wilderness. As our world is slowly beginning to learn, the need for this kind of understanding is more urgent than ever. We can only hope that FCI is among those who grasp the urgency for this kind of understanding in our world today.

Dave Heaven
Permafrost

Second best

To the Editor:

Let us hope that anyone who believes that coming in second is no great achievement dismisses the thought immediately.

It is great to win and coming in second is a great achievement, especially when you were not favoured to come in at all.

Bob Winder,
Haliburton

Joyous parade

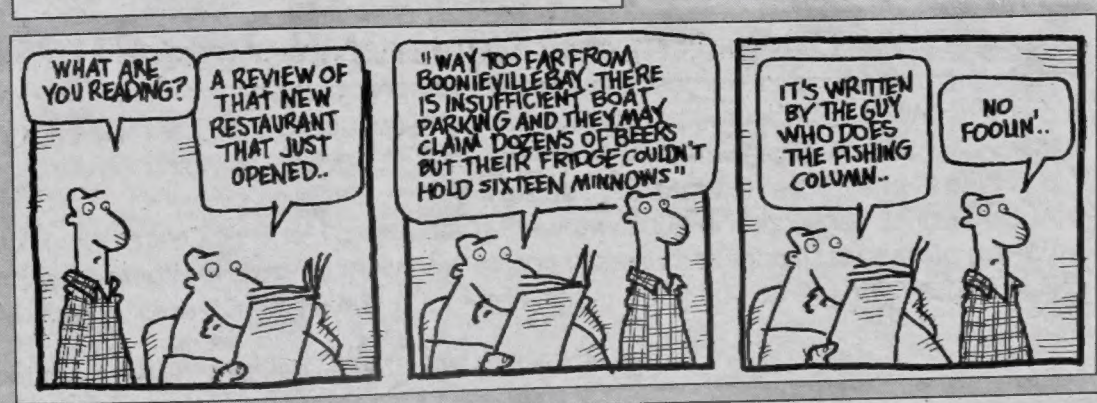
To the Editor:

As an overseas visitor to Haliburton, I would like to compliment the town and the folk involved in the Santa Claus Parade. I believe that for the size of the town the display was excellent and it was a joy to see the parade and community spirit.

I'd like to thank all those involved for such a marvellous evening.

Ken Wyatt
Oswestry, England - currently at
Little Kennisis Lake

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



The Messiah Choir presented An Off-Beat Christmas at the Northern Lights Pavilion, with Christmas songs that included one medley of classical music with Christmas lyrics written this year.

Photos by Casey Lessard

Above left: Marianne Smith and Doreen Spencley perform in the alto section.
Above: Melissa Stephens cues her singers.
Left: The front row takes the lead.

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Columnist embeds himself with *Nutcracker's* toy soldiers

STEVE GALEA

Special to The Echo

WHOEVER SAID THAT BALLET is not for tough guys has never met Ethan Howe of Haliburton. At just seven years old, Ethan has been a toy soldier since September.

His job? "Fightin' mice," he says matter-of-factly. "We march and fight."

"Is it dangerous?" I ask.

He smiles, showing off a vacancy where two front teeth once sat. Enough said.

It's nearing Christmas and I'm embedded with Ethan's elite unit of crack toy soldiers at the final rehearsal of the Heritage Ballet's presentation of *The Nutcracker*. Ethan and his fellow soldiers are there to do a job. It won't be pretty, but it needs doing. They're our first line of defence against the Mouse King and his army.

"Do you ever think of the people back home?" I ask Ethan.

Danielle Perry of Haliburton and her 14-month old daughter Sophie organize costumes while Kelly Harrison of West Guilford stitches details onto others.

He looks at me with that faraway look that toy soldiers are known for but, before he can formulate an answer, duty calls – he gets the signal to bug out. He completes tying his laces just like he's done a hundred times in training and he skips off to his prepared position. There are reports of mice soldiers in the area and Ethan and the other toy soldiers are now on high alert.

"The Shop", on Mallard Drive, in Haliburton, is controlled pandemonium because of this. But somehow, if only for a moment or two, the production co-ordinator for this weekend's performances of the Christmas classic, David Mills, reins in the accumulated energy and excitement of about 70 actors, most of them children, long enough to explain some of the rules of the theatre and to hand over the reigns to Heather Smith, the production's stage manager.

Meanwhile, Rena Woodley, one of three set and prop co-ordinators, is standing offstage with a hot glue gun in one hand and cotton balls and newspaper in the other. She's making fake snowballs.

"You are making these for the production, right?" I ask. She nods and continues making snowballs – it is another small but necessary part of the production. I watch as she takes a piece of newspaper and crunches it into a ball.

"Hey, wait," I cry. "That's my newspaper column!"

But it is too late. Woodley has already glued several cotton balls onto my life's work.

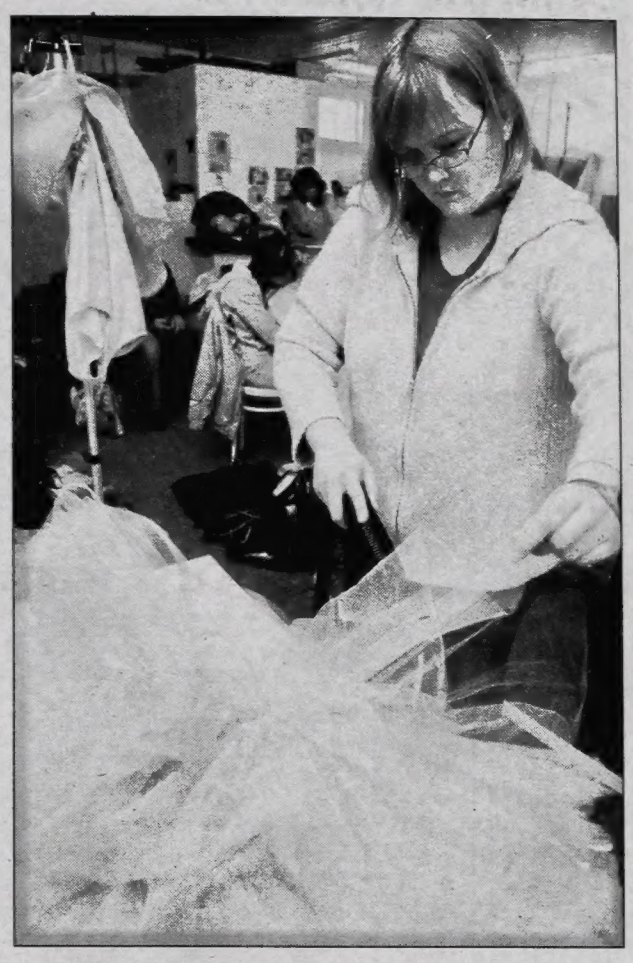
"You read it first, right?" I ask hesitantly.

Suddenly, she remembers a pressing duty she needs to attend to.

By this time the rehearsal is in full swing. On stage, there's dancing and hugging and pretend kissing and the imaginary drinking Christmas cheer. Tchaikovsky's music fills the warehouse, and one of the parents is peeling a tangerine for her child who waits a turn on stage.

"Tangerines remind me of Christmas," she says as she smiles.

It's an astute observation. The hint of tangerines, the



It takes Stephanie Black an hour to steam each of the production's tutus. Photos by Casey Lessard.

decidedly traditional music of *The Nutcracker*, the Christmassy props, the exquisite costumes, and the smiles and laughter of the many children involved, absolutely infuse the spirit of the season. At that moment, I would have defied anyone to walk into that room and not feel an immediate craving for eggnog and a carol.

But the best part of it all is the enthusiasm and laughter emanating from the children. Julie Barban, the owner and talented instructor who makes Heritage Ballet possible, tells me that the production uses the

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Parents dedicate hours to making the magic

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talents of children of all ages. "We've got a trio of three-year-olds at one end and a couple of senior citizens at the other. It's a real community event and it allows anyone to have a taste of theatre."

I stop and talk to 13-year-old Johnna Hutchings, whose theatrical versatility allows her to take on multiple roles: she's a snowflake, Spanish chocolate and Chinese tea. Interestingly, there are approximately 30 young actors playing snowflakes, and, yes, no two are exactly alike.

"Doesn't it get confusing?" I ask.

She says no, but I think she's just being modest. For minutes afterwards, I try to be Chinese tea. Sadly, the best I can do is Red Rose.

There are a hundred interesting stories at the rehearsal. There's Frankie Kabisch, an exchange student from Germany, who takes on the roll of Columbine, one of the dolls. Angela Janzen came from Toronto to play the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy and one of the big mice. She cottages on Canning Lake and recently volunteered at the Highlands Summer Festival where she met Julie Barban, who encouraged her to participate in ballet and *The Nutcracker*. She says she gets into the rodent mindset by eating cheese and avoiding mouse traps.

Then there's 17-year-old Andrea Pawson of Carnarvon, whose main role is that of Mother Ginger. She's all decked out in a hoop dress that is so large that it requires her to be wheeled around the stage. Now in her second year of participation, Andrea says, "This is a fun role. All the little kids love me." I tell her that I'm having a hard time nailing the nuances of Chinese tea and she empathizes. Last year, she was Chinese tea too.

Maybe it's because I am a parent, but I feel a special bond of affection and respect for all of the parents in the room. The work, dedication, and effort required to bring their children to these rehearsals is commendable, but so many have gone above and beyond the call of duty too. Twenty-two people are listed on the production team alone.

Costume designer Dani Smolen, for instance, travelled all the way to North Carolina to attend a tutu-making course. She's actually been making them for five years but thought that she'd like to learn from a professional. There are 12 of these exquisite creations in the play and each took her 30 days of work, including four days to hand-pleat.

Above: Paiten Smolen, Amy Black and Michelle Perry check to see if Jordyn Archer is a convincing doll. Soon after, the doll comes to life as part of a magic show.
Right: Production coordinator David Mills gives pre-rehearsal instructions about the rules at the Northern Lights Pavilion, where the Nutcracker will be performed this weekend.

Smolen, who is largely responsible for the productions costumes, says, "My biggest challenge was finding time to do this and take care of my four children."

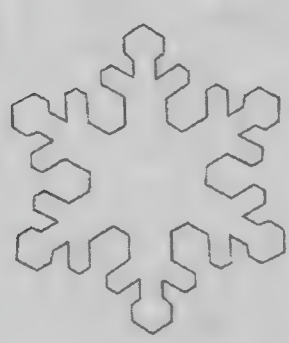
Everywhere you look, the room is abuzz as parents support their children or take on any one of a hundred less glamorous jobs that are essential to such a complex production. Off to the side, Stephanie Black of Carnarvon steams tutus. Each one takes an hour. Barb Fraser sits alone in the corner sewing on sequins. Then there's Anne and Brad Archer who play parents in the production alongside their 15-year-old daughter Jordyn who tackles the role of Ice Queen, and three-year-old grandchild Kolby, whose performance as a mouse soldier is nothing short of riveting. Brad says, "This production has become a Christmas tradition for our family. We enjoy it very much."

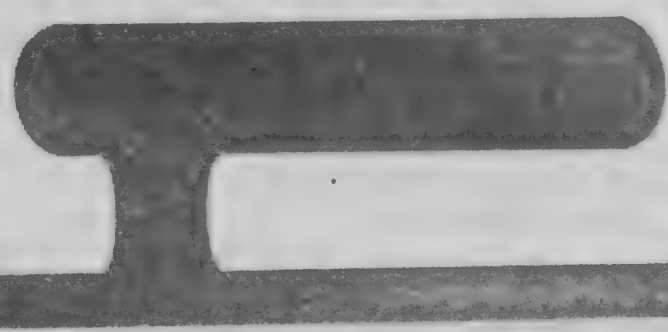
More than anything, that seems to be the point of this whole production.

Somewhere amidst all the organized confusion and graceful dancing, somewhere between the colourful props and beautiful costumes, somewhere between the din of happy voices and the timeless music of Tchaikovsky, is a magnificent Christmas spirit that's just waiting for a chance to burst forth and inspire an awestruck audience as it has done for the last three years here in our community.

I guess that's what Ethan and the other toy soldiers are fighting for. If you ask me, these guys deserve a medal. Hey, it's a great cause.

The Heritage Ballet's production of The Nutcracker is December 9th at 7:30 pm and December 10th at 2 pm at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton. Tickets are available at Kitchen's Etc. in Haliburton and Pharmasave in Minden. Admission is $15 for adults and $8 for children. A discount family package (good for 2 adults and 2 children) is available for $40. Reserved seating.





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Although some of the machinery from October's early morning fire at Hunter Lumber has been cleaned up and restored, there still is much to do to get the Gooderham mill up and running again. As this photo by Jeff Hunter of the morning after attests, there is much to be done. About a quarter of the staff, however, has remained on the payroll to help with the clean up and process the lumber that is in the yard. It will take months for the mill to be fully operational again.

Hunter Lumber on the long road to rebuilding

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Only two months after an intense fire gutted the main building of Gooderham's largest employer, owners of M.W. Hunter Lumber are pleased to report that the first steps towards rebuilding the company are underway.

Jeff Hunter, whose family has owned and operated the business off and on for more than a century, says building plans for a new sawmill have just recently been finalized, and already block layers are on site laying the groundwork for the new structure.

Of course, with that being said, the road ahead for Hunter Lumber is still a long one, especially since much of the mill's equipment was either damaged or destroyed during the late-September blaze.

"A lot of it can be repaired, but it's still at a cost, and everything costs more than you would expect," says Hunter. "We won't know [the final cost] until we're done. But everything you go to do costs something, and it all just keeps adding up."

Depending on the weather, Hunter says his family hopes to have the new building fully constructed and closed-in by sometime in January. But even after the building is complete, it could still be months after that before the facility is back up and running and full capacity, says Hunter.

"Everything we go to do we get started on, and then you get held up because people are already tied up and busy doing another job," he says. "There's always a hold up of some sort, and then there's a lot of work we have to do on our own after the mill's all closed-in. It's just a never-ending case of one thing after another.

"Once we get the mill all closed in we'll just start with one machine at a time, get it working, and then move on to the next one."

Ultimately, it's hard to predict exactly when all the pieces of the puzzle will fall back into place but Hunter says he's hopeful that the company will be back in the swing of things by early to mid-summer. And in the meantime, M.W. Hunter Lumber will continue doing whatever they can to keep the business afloat.

Currently the company has a temporary portable band-mill set up so it can continue a minimal amount of

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Hunter's hopes customers will return

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production and ensure that the remaining logs don't spoil. The company has also continued grading lumber they had left over in inventory, and approximately one quarter of its 32-person staff has continued to collect paycheques by assisting with the immense clean-up.

Hunter says his biggest concern at this point is not how soon the mill can be up and running again but, rather, whether their customers and timber suppliers will still be loyal to the family-run business after nearly a year of downtime.

"That will be the biggest thing... Hopefully those people haven't gone out and found new people to buy their logs, meaning we'll never see them again," he says. "And it's the same thing for the customers who buy our lumber on an ongoing basis. We'd hate for them to go and find new suppliers and never call us back again. But hopefully we put up a good enough product that we'll get them back."

Though the fire has been a major setback in every way, Hunter says that the lumber industry generally slows down during the winter months, which makes the situation a slightly less devastating blow as far as revenue is concerned.

"The markets aren't that great right now for the industry so if there is such a thing as a 'good time' for something like this to happen, I think it is now," he says. "But of course, nobody ever wants to go through what we're having to go through right now."

Fortunately, it appears that M.W. Hunter Lumber is in no shortage good friends and, likewise, in times of need the surrounding community has pulled together to lend a helping hand to a business that is more than just a neighbour of the community, but also a friend.

"A lot of the people who we've done business with have tried, in any way that they could, to help us out," says Hunter. "We had more hands than we knew what to do with.

"A good friend of ours [Pat Casey] was even on the phone the next day offering us use of his excavator, dump trucks, anything we needed.

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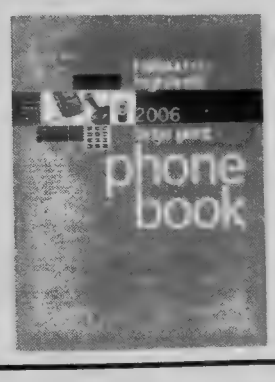

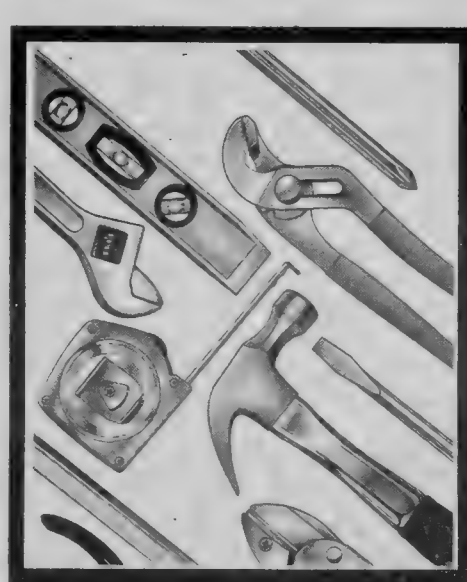
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GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

With one final tower being installed in Wilberforce this week, phase one of the Haliburton Connect project – which will link key municipal offices, schools, and hospitals via wireless Internet – is only a stone's throw away from completion.

Phil Thompson, who oversees the network build for W3 Connex, says service is already active both the Minden and Haliburton municipal offices, and the company is now in the process of linking the remaining locations into the network and installing any necessary last-minute equipment.

This should come as welcome news to county officials, some of whom had been discouraged by a series of delays and setbacks that have plagued the project since its inception. Likewise, it will also spell good news for customers in the county who have previously only been able to access the Internet through a dial-up connection.

Thompson says that, based on current tower locations, W3 Connex can feasibly provide immediate service to 30 per cent of the county's residents because those residents are within line-of-sight of the network's towers. A further 25 to 30 per cent of residents can also be served fairly easily using a "neighbourhood node" configuration, in which one customer's tower not only receives the signal, but also acts as a re-transmitter and repeater to other customers in the area that may not have line-of-sight with the W3 tower.

Remaining customers will be serviced based on the greater demand in their immediate area. Currently, W3 Connex is asking that interested customers contact them and express their interest in high speed internet, and from there the information will be plugged into a map. Pockets of the county where demand is high will warrant the installation of secondary towers, says Thompson, but customers in remote areas may still be stuck with dial-up, since installing a tower needs to be economically feasible for the company.

"There are going to be situations where there are people who don't have line-of-sight and they're all by themselves – at the remote end of a lake somewhere, for example. In that case we won't be able to service them because we won't be able to reach them easily," Thompson says.

However, if a group of residents bands together and proves to the company that the demand is there, W3 Connex will then begin investigating the logistics of providing service to that area. For waterfront customers, that may require an intermediary site, such as a tower somewhere along the waterfront, in order to re-transmit the wireless signal beyond trees and to secluded homes and cottages.

"It takes a fair amount of work because we do it all through a combination of site visits and using software to determine if we can achieve line-of-sight. The software doesn't always predict trees properly, so that's why we need to actually visit the site as well," Thompson says.

In addition to the wireless network, W3 is also running fibre optic cable to the villages of Haliburton and Minden from Lindsay, with some of the fibre being buried along the Rail Trail, and other portions being strung along telephone and hydro poles. Thompson says those efforts are currently about "two thirds" of the way complete, and should be wrapped up by the end of year, but he also notes that progress was significantly stifled by both bureaucracy and the August 2 tornadoes.

"The only way we can install fibre is by getting a right of way on someone's property to bury it, or getting permission to use hydro poles and telephone poles," he says. "In order to [use hydro poles], there is now legislation in place that requires them to do inspections of the stability of the pole and whether it can take the extra weight. Of course, all of that needs to be coordinated,

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CASEY LESSARD/Echo

August storms make project more complicated

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and that takes engineering time for them to go out, do a study, and write it all down.

"It takes a horrendously long amount of time to go through that. But what makes it even more difficult is when you have a big storm that comes through and blows some of the poles over, or knocks some of the cable down," Thompson says. "Hydro was quite busy for quite some time; they couldn't do any studies or anything, so that really held us up for a while."

Thompson not only recognizes but sympathizes with both county officials and local residents who have grown frustrated and impatient with the prolonged project, but he says a great deal of setbacks were unavoidable when undertaking such a hefty project.

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"Having done these before, we knew that there were going to be unknowns and issues that would need to be resolved...and we've certainly had our fair share of those in building this network.

"Yes, we've had some delays, but I can tell you that we're just as frustrated by them as anyone else. For example, I'm the vice president of marketing, so until I have a network, I have nothing to sell.

"We're trying to get things resolved as quickly as possible because let's face it, from a financial perspective we don't make any money until people are using our service. Right now we're just spending money so we're certainly motivated to get the network up and running as quickly as possible."

Thompson says that despite the setbacks, he's certain that the completed network will be worth all the hassles, and will serve as a valuable asset for this county for years to come.

Already W3 Connex has begun supplying residential service to those in the immediate line-of-sight areas, and Thompson says the company's hope is to watch their network expand across the county week after week.

"Really the only downside is getting people connected as quickly as we'd like to have them connected," says Thompson. "It takes a while to do it. Each installation takes a couple of hours, depending on the circumstances and what's required. But there's nothing new there; that's just a fact of life.

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Bonspiel season begins

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Well the curling bonspiel season is underway with some big wins for our local curlers.

The following are some of the results from the past few weeks.

The four-town ladies event was hosted on Wednesday Nov 22 at the Haliburton Club with Cheryl Smillie as coordinator. Two teams each from Haliburton, Minden, Bobcaygeon, and Fenelon Falls travel to each of the four towns throughout the curling season for a friendly spiel.

Over all winners: Skip Sandra Duchemin, Vice Beryl Rasmus, Second Chalene Smith and Lead Lorraine Virgin of Haliburton.

The second place winners are also from Haliburton. They are Skip Marylou Mizzan, Vice Lise Ainsley, Second Marilyn Watson and Lead Doreen De Grave.

The third place winners hailed from Bobcaygeon with skip Esther Humphries, Vice Eleanor Staples, Second Elaine Hensen and Lead Isabel Gardner.

Share the Wealth prizes went to Marie Lennard, Minden, Lorraine Virgin, Haliburton and Esther Humprhries, Bobcaygeon.

On Saturday, November 25 the curling team of Sandra Duchemin (skip), Marilyn Whittaker (vice), Chalene Smith (second) and Lorraine Virgin (lead) travelled to Bobcaygeon to compete in the Bigley's Curling Bonspiel. They lost their first game to a Bobcaygeon team and went on for a big win in their second game against another Bobcaygeon team which put them in fifth place overall out of 16 teams.

The Men's Early Bird Bonspiel took place in Haliburton on Saturday Nov 25 with Ted Rule as co-ordinator. The three events were sponsored by Dawson Gray Chartered Accountants, Bowes and Cocks – John Parish and Marj Hunter and Todd's Independent Grocers.

The winners for Event A were the team of Bob Johnston, Greg Sheffee, Bob MacNaull and Andy Guppe. Event B winners were Art Dawson, Jim Bradley, Geoff Ainsley, and Sean Hawley. C Event winners were Doug Mack, Joe Sebesta, Paul Isles and David Rule.

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Wednesday, Nov. 29 Haliburton hosted the Ontario Senior District Playdowns for

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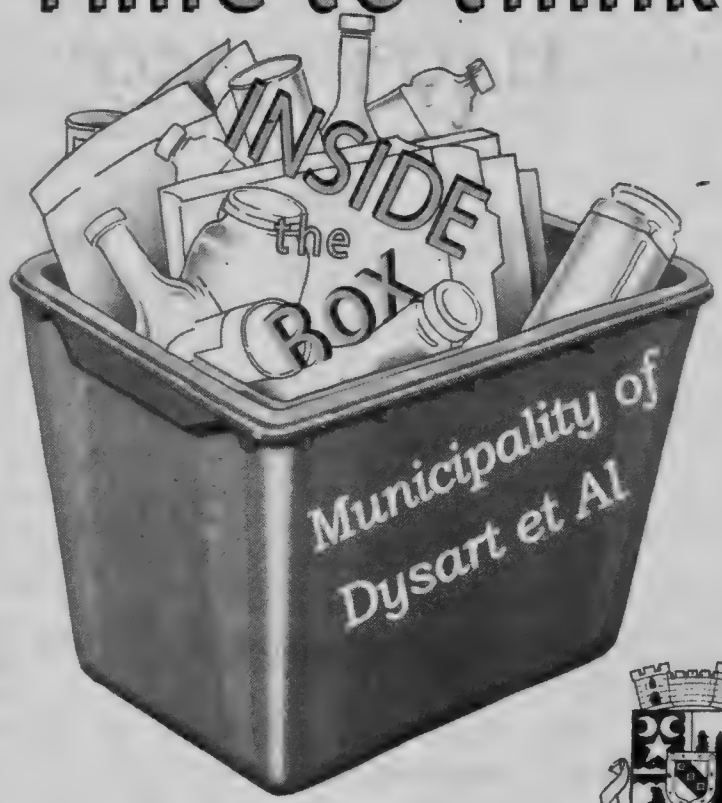

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the Haliburton/Muskoka district. Eight teams were registered for this event and all winners came from the Haliburton Club. Richard Bebee was the coordinator for this event.

First place winners were the team of John Smillie, skip, Cheryl Smillie, vice, Case Bassie, second and Brigette Bassie as lead. They will represent these districts at the Provincial Playdowns at the Brockville Curling Club in February 2007.

Runner up team members were Glen Smith, Sandra Duchemin, Dick Duchemin and Donna Smith. The third place team was Gary Thorpe, Pat Norman, Allan Mc Eachern and Bunny Scott.

Congratulations to all the curlers.

Tickets for our Christmas dinner and dance to be held in our new clubhouse facilities are now on sale – see Bruce or Bev Martin.

(left to right) John Smillie, skip, Cheryl Smillie, vice, Brigette Bassie lead, and Case Bassie, second managed to take first place in the Ontario Senior District Playdowns.

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Holocaust survivor calls on students to fight injustice

High school drama production leaves lasting impression

CASEY LESSARD

Staff Reporter

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Holocaust survivor Eva Olsson shared her tale of horror and survival with students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Wednesday. Olsson was taken to Auschwitz from her native Hungary when she was 19. She and her sister were the only members of her extended family who survived. A photo of their mother was among the images projected behind Olsson during her presentation.

If viewers of last week's high school drama production, SPEAK, come away with one message, it's to stand up for what's right.

"Bystanders are not innocent," special guest and Holocaust survivor Eva Olsson told students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. "Oscar Schindler once belonged to the Nazi party. He changed his attitude and saved 1,100 prisoners. Those survivors got married and had children, and it's a ripple effect. The easiest way to make a difference is to make a commitment to yourself that you won't be a bystander."

Olsson, who spoke after two performances of the students' play, made it through the Holocaust thanks to a combination of chance, health, and a will to survive.

Born in Hungary, she was 19 when the Nazis came to her town in 1944 and told everyone to get on boxcars.

"They said they were taking us to Germany to work in a brick factory and we believed them. But that's not where we ended up. We were taken to Auschwitz-Birkenau, where most of my family perished."

In fact, of the 89 people in her extended family, only she and her youngest sister survived the Holocaust.

"You're beside your mother and in a split second you don't see her anymore because Dr. Josef Mengele was pointing left or right," she said. "My sister was beside me, she wasn't quite 17. Other young women were ordered to the right. Old people, young mothers, children under the age of 12 or 14 were all ordered to the left. And within an hour, they would be gone to the gas chambers.

"There was such fear. Fear of silence. It was so silent there, that you were afraid to even look around."

Because of their age, Eva and her sister were taken to Germany as slave labour. While they were held there, the barracks at the camp burned to the ground.

"Sixty-two years ago at this time, I was living in a hole in the ground. I was 20. There was some straw down there. Just a dirt hole, a root cellar, and that's where they kept us for the winter. You didn't dare go outside in the night for fear of rape. Once it got dark, no one went outside. Whatever you had to do (urinate, etc.), you did on the straw. Lice and disease started to set in. It was the winter of 1945, and there was snow on the ground. We were marching to work with only clogs. No socks or underwear."

Soon, they were taken to Bergen-Belsen, the concentration camp where Anne Frank died.

"It was a scene we had not seen before. In Auschwitz, if you had a pimple or a rash on your skin, you were gone to the gas chamber. In Bergen-

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Survivor's experience gives meaning to students performance

Belsen, there was such disease looming around. No food, one metal mug of potato peel soup or turnip peeling, and nothing else. And now they've taken that away. The Nazis bombed the water well because the Allies were that close. You had to struggle to survive a jungle like Bergen-Belsen. And I did, as did a few others."

Days later they were liberated, and the two struggled to survive typhoid contracted in the camp. Eva credits a strong spirit with her survival.

"Never take your life for granted. Never take your freedom for granted. But we all do until we don't have it anymore. You never know when an evil power can rise again."

Olsson came to Canada by way of Sweden, the country where she met her husband Rude.

"The Swedish people were not preoccupied with religion or culture. They were concerned with one race: the human race. It was just amazing to get out of hell and go to heaven."

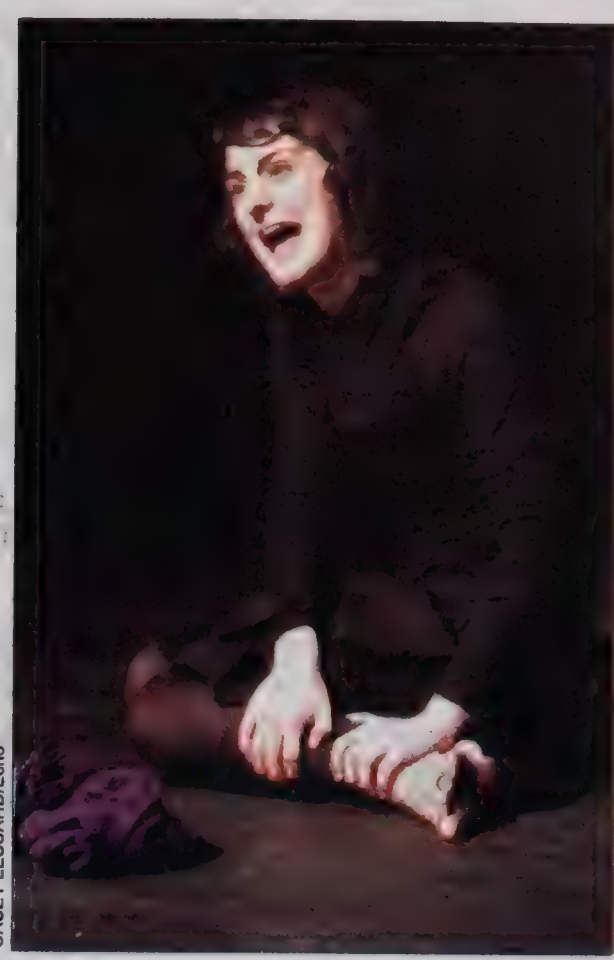
Frankie Kabisch also came from Germany thanks to a Swedish connection. An exchange student at HHSS, Frankie is part of ASSE, a program initiated to expose students to other cultures. Frankie performed in the production preceding Olsson's speech.

"When Mrs. [Elke] Zilla came up with the Holocaust idea [for the play], I wanted to be part of it because I'm so interested in drama and theatre," she said. "Then I realized I'm in a special position to incorporate German so the audience feels the emotion without understanding what I'm saying. I wrote a monologue and it just happened that my role became one of the central roles. And it turned out that me speaking German was a really good thing for the play."

Although young Germans learn about the Holocaust in their history classes, Frankie was eager for the presentation.

"I have never really seen anyone who was part of the Holocaust, so I really wanted to hear what she would tell. She was Hungarian, and my host mother [Betty Dixon] was Hungarian too. It shows we are all part of the world and not just Canadian or German or Hungarian, and we should remember this."

"Frankie has so much talent and brought a great sensitivity to the role of a Jewish girl," said drama teacher Elke Zilla, whose husband is also German. "Not all Germans were Nazis and not all Nazis were Germans."



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German exchange student Frankie Kabisch impressed Holocaust survivor Eva Olsson with her sensitive interpretation of the experiences of a young Jewish girl.

In all, almost 60 Grade 9, 10 and 11 drama students were involved in the presentation. Zilla chose to pay tribute to Holocaust survivors after visiting her daughter's school in the US, where Elie Weisel's book Night is mandatory reading.

"My big pursuit is character building," Zilla said, "so I try to incorporate that into my drama teaching. It just happened that our principal read Night over the summer, and he recommended that all staff read it."

Students in Zilla's class compiled the stories of child survivors and victims of the Holocaust and were asked to interpret them in theatre or dance. Chris O'Mara produced the show.

Teachers from other departments also helped, including Paul Morissette, who suggested telling Eva Olsson's story. Zilla took it a step further and invited her to come speak.

Silent about her history for 50 years, Olsson now shares her story across the country and beyond, using it as a warning about the power of bullies.

"Children are a product of their environment," she said. "In May, when I was speaking at a high school, half a dozen bullies decided when I was finished my second presentation, they were going to come out and salute 'Heil Hitler.' That was really shocking. It didn't happen because a student overheard them in the hallway how they were going to do it, and she told the principal, and that's how they stopped it. That female student decided she wasn't going to be a bystander.

"Those students had never met me before. They were not in my assembly, so how did they judge me? By my colour of skin, my origin, or my nationality? Or was it simply by my religion?"

There was no such reaction at HHSS. In fact, both Olsson's and Kabisch's contributions were received with open arms.

"I got a lot of positive feedback about the play, and I'm glad it turned out that way," Frankie said. "Putting it on the stage shows the Canadian inclusiveness that they didn't want to leave me out and wanted to give me a chance to speak."

As proof that intolerance can defeat even its most ardent opponents, Olsson's sister Fradel disowned her for marrying a Gentile. The two have only spoken twice since the war. The first time was in Sweden in 1946, and the final time was in 1982 when her sister came to America for a visit.

"I drove from Richmond Hill to Boston where she was visiting. I saw her for two hours, and she told me 'I can not accept you into my family.'"

Her husband Rude Olsson died from injuries sustained after a car accident in 1962. Eva was left with her son as her only family. They are now neighbours in Bracebridge.

"How do you deal with tragedy? You make a commitment to count your blessings. The one blessing that I still had was my son. And I focused on that. With that blessing came three more beautiful blessings, my grandchildren."

Eva Olsson's autobiography "Unlocking the Doors: A Woman's Struggle Against Intolerance" was published in 2000 and is a national bestseller.

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Above left: Chris Doiron and Morgan Giles perform as part of The Red Scare.
Top: Lainey Main applauds the efforts of her classmates.
Above: James Pritchard and Pat Kitcheman perform Boyz N The Hood by Dynamite Hack.

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FCI bid seen as more financially secure

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Crown land, will continue through a long-term licence with the Township of Algonquin Highlands. It operates a part of the Frost Centre grounds to operate the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, which manages the canoe routes and campsites on the property.

The province shut the 60-year-old Frost Centre with little notice in July 2004. Owned by the Ministry of Natural Resources, the facilities were used for a wide variety of educational and training purposes. In its early years the centre was a training base for forest rangers and foresters. The MNR said that running such a facility, which operated at a loss, was no longer part of its core values.

After a heated public lobbying campaign, including a protest at Queen's Park and an e-mail blitz, the province agreed to form the Frost Centre Working Committee chaired by former Fleming College president Brian Desbiens. Its mandate was strictly the buildings and operations of the Frost Centre, not the 23,000 hectares of Crown land that surround it. These lands have always remained open to the public; the canoe routes and campsites are now managed by the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails.

The Working Committee consulted with various groups and came up with the following recommendations in June 2005:

- the ORC should issue a request for proposals from groups or individuals interested in taking over operations of the buildings;
- the focus of the Frost Centre should continue to offer outdoor and environmental education activities; and
- should a viable proposal not come forward, the buildings should be torn down and the land revert to forests.

Responsibility for finding the operator fell to the Ontario Realty Corporation, which is responsible for public buildings. It issued the request and received the two applications last October.

Perma-Frost, the lobbying organization that formed after the Frost Centre's closure, favoured the proposal from the Friends of the Frost. It did, however, recognize that the two groups shared some of the same members and that its bias "surely lies in our firm commitment to community-based solutions," it said in its evaluation of the two proposals.

While Perma-Frost recognized that a viable solution must be found, the Frost Centre for Ecological and Sustainability Education adhered more to its goals of public accessibility and increasing public awareness of society's role in protecting the environment.

Its report says, "Both proposals provide many attractive features and each would no doubt benefit the people of Ontario in various ways.... Overall, in comparing the two proposals from a community perspective, Perma-Frost concludes that the CESE holds out the best hope for an administration that seeks to integrate expert knowledge with the life-worlds of its neighbourhood. With roots deep in both the natural and cultural spheres, this is the learning model which best serves as a foil to ecological illiteracy. In our view this has always been the Frost Centre's unique achievement. May it continue to do so."

Al Aubry, a retired IBM Canada executive, centre, is the principal shareholder of the Frost Centre Institute, which has won the bid to re-open the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre south of Dorset. With him are partners Kyla Greenham, a biologist, and Wayne Rose, a teacher and artist. All three reside in the Haliburton Highlands and hope to have the Frost Centre welcoming its first campers in six months.

It's FCI's deeper pockets that seem to have influenced the government's decision. While the province is prepared to invest "significantly" in the Frost Centre, primarily to ensure the water system is up and running, the FCI already has $3 million in the bank to help pay for necessary upgrades and start-up costs. The Friends' proposal, for what it called the Frost Centre for Ecological and Sustainability Education (CESE), said that it would lose money for the first eight months and then break even.

Jim Butticci in the ORC's communication department says the ORC had to ensure that the winning proposal used "the investment of taxpayers' money wisely. If the government is to invest [in the upgrades as part of its commitment] and the Frost Centre re-opens, is the province wasting its money? Can [the successful proponent] follow through on what they propose? It shouldn't cost taxpayers [any money to operate.]"

Aubry notes that FCI will be paying the ORC "substantial rent. Over 10 years they'd get as much in rent as they would selling the property."

"Our approach is self-sufficient from the word go," he adds.

Barrie Martin, a former Frost Centre employee who was part of the CESE bid, says "the fact that Al had more financial resources than we did is probably a key factor in that decision."

Asked about how FCI is financed, Aubry says, "So far it's all my own money. That's fine. This is just to get it started. I'm the last guy on the totem pole to get paid back."

At IBM, Aubry's main focus was "turning around under-performing operations, starting new businesses, and launching new services and products." Re-opening the Frost Centre in such a short time will be a challenge, he says, but not as great a challenge as some of the ones he had to face at IBM. At one point his branch had to cut 600 jobs while still performing the same duties. They achieved this, and surpassed performance goals, he says.

Aubry says he was "minding my own business making furniture" when he saw the ORC's request for proposals to take over management of the Frost Centre. His two sons had been involved with the centre and he valued what if offered.

"I have a deep respect and fondness for the place," he says. "It's a beautiful place and I couldn't stand the thought of it going to a developer [should a new operator not be found.]"

Aubry has always kept up his contacts in the business world and he soon had companies offering financial support for some of the projects, such as subsidizing the free weekends for school groups.

"When I get a vision or my thoughts are on something, I go out and test it," he says of the research that went into his proposal. "I wouldn't invest my money based on my own opinion."

Preparing the proposal turned into a full-time job. "I've spent my whole life working 20-hour days. Sleep is a waste of time," he laughs.

FCI plans to hire 70 people, some full-time, some part-time and some seasonal. Aubry says the FCI proposal will also be a huge boon to local coffers through increased taxation. When the MNR operated the facility, it paid property taxes but not education taxes. With FCI, not only is the property being rezoned commercial, which increases the tax rate, but it will also be paying education taxes. Property taxes will go from $16,000 a year to $125,000 a year.

Since the FCI is already six weeks behind in booking summer camps because of some of the studies the ORC had to conduct at the site, Aubry is anxious to move quickly. The FCI's website, www.frostcentreinstitute.com, should be operational by December 6. On January 2, he wants FCI to be moved into an office at the Frost Centre so it can start taking reservations. Major upgrades to the dining hall and dormitories are planned so the first campers can arrive at a fully-functional facility on June 23.

Asked if there's a future role for the Friends of the Frost Centre, Aubry says, "It's possible. Maybe not as an organization but there are good people there."

For details of public reaction to FCI's successful bid, please see tomorrow's Minden Times or visit www.mindentimes.ca.

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Congratulations to Lindsay Jowett, daughter of Janice (Mulholland) and Tom Jowett, who was awarded her Canada Cord on November 5. She and Sara Day completed over 200 challenges in the Guiding program of the Pathfinder Unit. The many opportunities for achievement encourage the girls to go on to even more varied experience as they explore "Be Prepared, Camping, Community, Home, Leadership and Outdoors."

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Who says Santa only works one day a year? Throughout the past few weeks he's been spotted at various locations throughout Haliburton County, with his latest visit being this past Saturday at the Gooderham Community Centre's Christmas party.

Top: Three-year-old Josie Graham remains skeptical of the big man in red, even with her mom right behind her.

Left: Olan Roberts describes the gift he hopes to find under his tree on Christmas morning.

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As I looked out the window on Sunday afternoon I found it very refreshing to see the clean white winter blanket that rested on the forest scene. The forest that surrounds our home had taken on a new identity in its brand new world of white.

That enchanting world of powdery magic promoted me to get out my Christmas trinkets and decorate the inside of my home with Christmas trimmings and paraphernalia. So many fond memories of Christmases past came flooding back as I carefully unwrapped each ornament. Finally I came across a special, little ornament that my daughter Dawn had made for me when she was the age of my granddaughter Rachel. I opened the little box and inside was a Christmas recipe she had copied. It read: "A Christmas Recipe for Mommy. Take a bit of cheerfulness, a pinch of laughter, a cup of thoughtfulness and stir them round and round. Add some tranquility, a verse of Silent Night and fold in some tenderness and a smile or two. Now stir and fold in a bit of faith and love. Now put it in the oven and bake it. Then cut a piece, but save some for every day of the year for Mommy and me."

Though somewhat tattered and worse for years of wear, I carefully hung it on the tree and I thought of all the lasting memories that families share at this time of year as they display their fond trinkets.

When talking about memories and fond trinkets keep in mind that the Haliburton Highlands DVD, "A natural Work of Art", is on sale at Agnew's General Store. The DVD features the Highlands and shows what a beautiful place it is. This would make a lovely gift that would keep on giving for years to come.

Don't forget Brushstrokes - Artists' Paint-Out to be held at the Highland Grove Community Centre on Tuesday, December 19 from 10 a.m. o 4 pm. Artists at any level are welcome to come and paint for a day with other artists. Just bring your paint, supplies and a lunch. Enjoy sharing and learning painting with others in this very relaxed atmosphere. For more information contact Linda Middleton at 705 448-9397or info@crystalimagestudio.com

Upcoming events for Harcourt and surrounding communities:

December 6: Bingo is held every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Centre. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

December 7: Progressive euchre is held every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community centre. Cost is only $2. Come out for an evening of great fun playing euchre followed by a light social lunch. For further information please call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

December 10: Loop Children's Christmas Party at the Lloyd Watson Centre following the Santa Claus Parade. Floats for the Santa Claus Parade are to enter on Holmes Drive by the IGA and proceed to School Road. All participants in the parade are asked to arrive between 12:00 and 12:15 as the parade will begin at 12:30 p.m. sharp. Following the parade the children and families are welcome to meet Santa and have their picture taken. All children will receive treats from our local fire department and children 10 years and under will receive a gift from Santa compliments of our very supportive business community and community clubs.

For more information on parade please call Joanne Hughey at 448 2194 or Lynn Waugh at 448-3674 and for more information regarding Santa Fund and Loop Children's Christmas Party call Valerie Smith at 448 3640 or Roberta Walsh at 448-2185. Feliz Navidad 2006!

December 30: New Year's Eve Dance at the Harcourt Community Centre. Dance to the great sounds of "Timber Tom and the Crosscuts". Light Lunch & Party Favours. Time: 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Admission: $30 per couple.

On Thursday afternoon at the Haliburton Legion, Community Care held its Christmas luncheon for its many volunteers. The festively-dressed crowd filled the auditorium, some of them, such as Don Dunsmore, really getting in the spirit of the season. Entertaining everyone was a new brass group called the Brassy Five.

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Darkness doesn't dampen spirits of Christmas craft sale

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Hilda Clark
448-2018

The Christmas Craft Sale did happen at the Lloyd Watson Centre last Saturday, December 2, in spite of a hydro power outage that kept many cold and in the dark from 3 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. After a minor glitch the generator at the centre provided the power needed for heat and light and the propane stove in the kitchen. The community hall became a very busy place. Almost all the individuals and groups that had booked tables to sell their crafts showed up – many setting up in the dark! The hot coffee and tea were surely welcome (and free too) as the hall became a warm, comfortable drop-in centre as well as a great shopping place. The lunch tables set up by the women from St. Margaret's Anglican Church were busy places. The first order for chili came at 10 a.m. and sandwich makers were busy all day.

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild thanks all who made the day a success. The vendors were great and we hope they had a successful, pleasant day. The Pathfinders and their friends were such a big help setting up tables on Friday evening. Thanks to Luann Coghlan for helping with clean-up on Saturday. We so appreciated that Canoe FM broadcast on Saturday that the sale was on and that the LWM Centre was open.

How fortunate we are to have a community building that can be so comfortable and functional. A few more hours with no hydro and that building would have had overnight campers last Saturday.

The Advent season has begun, and with all the physical and spiritual preparations for Christmas are underway. The Sunday School concert at the Full Gospel Church on Sunday evening was a program that delighted the audience including many family members and friends. There were musical numbers and presentations ending with the Christmas Story portrayed mainly by the children. The adults playing the donkey, the sheep, the Roman soldiers and especially the camel were almost as bit a hit with the audience as the children. Fellowship with refreshments ended the evening.

In case you have not read the many posters around town, here are some of the upcoming programs in this area:

Open House at the Outpost Thurs., Dec. 7 afternoon, 1 to 4 and evening 7 to 9.; Victorian Tea at Harcourt Chapel, 7 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 7; Santa Claus Parade Sunday, Dec. 10 starts at school 12:45 noon. Still time to enter a float. Call Lynn at 448-3674 or Joanne at 448-2194 for information. Santa meets the children at the Lloyd Watson Centre where parade ends; Community Carol Service Sun., Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Wilberforce United Church with St. Margaret's Church hosting; the Highlands East Figure Skating Club is having a Christmas Ice Show entitled "Toy Parade" at the arena on Tuesday, December 12 at 7 p.m. A family skate follows from 7:30 to 8:30. Admission by donation.

The Gooderham United Church will have a Christmas Family Music Night on Friday, December 15 at 7 p.m.; Christmas Eve services include St. Margaret's, Sunday, Dec. 24, 12 noon.; Essonville Historic Church, Sunday, December 24, 7 p.m.; Gooderham United Church, Sunday, Dec. 24, 7 p.m.; Wilberforce United Church, Sunday, December 24, 8:30 p.m.

The Wilberforce School Concert at the Lloyd Watson Centre is on Tuesday, December 19, in the afternoon. School break is from Dec. 23 to Jan. 7.

As a result of fundraising activities, including the open house barbecue held to celebrate the opening of the Bowes & Cocks Limited brokerage location in Haliburton village, Lynn Craigmyle broker-manager (above left) is shown presenting a cheque, on behalf of everyone at Bowes & Cocks, to Tim Ballantine, director Haliburton Highlands Museum, in the amount of $1,174.20, to assist in the preservation of the many hundreds of old photographs now at the museum. Bowes & Cocks would like to express their thanks to the Haliburton IGA and to the Delta Pinestone Resort for their support in making their open house such a success.

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Keep your eyes peeled for Christmas Bird Count

Volunteers needed on Saturday, December 16

DENNIS BARRY

Special to the Echo

More wintry weather will prompt those of you who haven't yet started your winter bird feeders to fill them up. If you've waited 'til now, it may take a while to attract birds to your yard. The reason for this is the bumper crop of seeds on all trees. When wild food is abundant, birds are not as dependent on handouts. The good news is that many more goldfinches, pine siskins, purple finches, chickadees and nuthatches stayed in Haliburton County to enjoy the bounty. They can be enticed to feeders with Niger seed, peanuts and suet. Sunflower seeds are still a welcome addition to their diet as well.

While the wild food crop here is the best in years, the bounty extends far to the north and west, so that pine and evening grosbeaks, redpolls and crossbills may not need to come south in numbers to find food. A few crossbills and grosbeaks have ventured as far south as Algonquin, but redpolls haven't appeared, although they may as the season progresses.

More dark-eyed juncos remain here in winters when cone crops are extensive. While they don't often extract seeds from the cones, they find plenty to eat in sheltered spots under the trees, and in twigs and branches where the seeds lodge. Tree sparrow numbers should be higher too, and many fewer blue jays were noted moving westward along the north shores of Lakes Ontario and Erie this fall.

Hawks and owls will find plenty to eat, given the large numbers of mice fattening on abundant maple seeds. That means owls will be less obvious around feeders after dark. Northern shrikes, our only predatory songbirds, will find lots of food as well. Look for solitary individuals perched at the very tips of trees along roadways or in your yard, or chasing small birds near your feeders. Their faster, more energetic wing beats and their slightly smaller, more streamlined size will help to distinguish them from similarly coloured gray jays.

An unusually large southward movement of northern woodpeckers seems to be occurring this fall. Black-backed and three-toed woodpeckers are roughly equivalent in size to hairies and downies respectively. They differ in appearance in having much more extensive areas of black, (the whole upper side in black-backs), and extensive black barring on the flanks. Where male hairies and downies each have a red spot at the back of the head, males of these two species have a dot of yellow. They don't often come to feeders, tending to feed by stripping the bark off dying trees, mainly evergreens, to get at the insect larvae hiding underneath. Especially with black-backs, trees they've been working on are particularly noticeable as the reddish under bark is exposed and the snow below is littered with discarded bark. This is the best clue to their presence. Often their tapping is rather quiet. Calls are given infrequently, sounding somewhat blackbird-like. Look for them on newly-dead trees in beaver ponds, or wherever groups of evergreens have been recently killed. Accompanying this movement of woodpeckers seems to be a southward push of gray jays, all the more reason to put out lots of suet.

A volunteer looks through his binoculars during last year's Christmas Bird Count Day.

This year's bird count has the potential to be one of the most exciting in years, but only with your help. The fact that many birds will be scattered about the countryside feeding on the wild food crop means the more eyes and ears that tune in to their presence the greater the success will be.

The 39th annual Christmas bird count takes place on Saturday, December 16.

The count circle is fifteen miles across. It extends from Kinmount and Moore Falls in the south to Mountain Lake in the north, from Bob Lake in the west to Lochlin and Irondale in the east.

Contact Ed Poropat (457-3018 or edporopat@halhinet.on.ca) or Thom Lambert (457-9110 or singing.dog@sympatico.ca) as soon as possible to join a group on December 16.

To report birds at your feeder, phone 286-1189 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. on December 16, or phone Ed or Thom on December 17. Or you can e-mail or mail your reports to Dennis Barry, 338 Crystal Beach Blvd. Whitby, ON L1N 9Z7, dbarry@interlinks.net.

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FRANKA ANDRIANO

Special to the Echo

Well it's baking time again with the Christmas season fast approaching. Whenever I have given up trying to figure out what to bring friends, I give them homemade baking.

Also, to help with the entertaining and drop-in guests, I always have some baked goods in the freezer that I can whip out. By the time the coffee is brewed and the boots are off we are munching on some goodies.

There are great recipes that freeze well and you check at your library, magazines or on-line at any of your favourite chef's websites. Just Google Christmas cookies that freeze and you will get hundreds.

To ensure the best freezing results follow the following tips:

- Heavy-duty foil provides the best seal when it is wrapped over plastic if not using an airtight container.
- Cool baked goods first.
- Remember to label and date the containers.
- Also if you pre-cut the squares or cookies and layer between wax paper you can take out a few at a time.
- Don't mix soft and crisp cookies together as they will soften.

So put on the Christmas music and go baking.

SHORTBREAD BROWNIES

1 cup flour
1/4 quarter cup brown sugar, packed
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup miniature semisweet chocolate pieces
1 1/3 cups granulated sugar
3/4 cup flour
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 1/2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
3 eggs
1/3 cup butter, melted
1 tbsp vanilla
1/2 cup miniature semisweet chocolate pieces

Preheat oven to 350°. Line a 9x9x2 inch-baking pan with foil; set aside. Stir together 1cup flour and the brown sugar. Cut in 1/2 cup butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in 1/4 cup chocolate pieces. Press into prepared pan. Bake for 8 minutes.

Meanwhile, in large bowl, stir together sugar, 3/4 cup flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, and salt. Add eggs, melted butter, and vanilla; beat by hand until smooth. Stir in half cup chocolate pieces. Carefully spread over crust.

Bake 40 minutes more. Cool in pan on a wire rack. Lift brownies out of pan by lifting the foil. Cut into bars. Makes 24.

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Powdered sugar, optional

Line a 13x9x2 inch-baking pan with foil, with foil going over the edge of the pan; set aside. In an extra large bowl, combine marshmallows and nuts; set aside, In a medium saucepan, combine chocolate pieces, chocolate spread, whipping cream and butter. Heat and stir over medium-low heat until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth.

Add chocolate mixture to marshmallow mixture; stir to coat well. Spoon mixture evenly into prepared pan pressing down lightly. Cover and chill for 30 minutes.

To serve remove mixture from pan by lifting foil. Cut into 18 pieces sprinkle with powdered sugar if desired.

Can keep for 3 days or frozen for 3 months. Keep chilled until serving, as will soften at room temperature.

From Better Homes and Gardens Christmas Cookies 2006

Tip: To roast nuts preheat oven to 350° and place in a shallow pan. Bake 10 minutes or until toasted. Careful as they burn easily. Check every 5 minutes.

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ANGELA DELUCE/Submitted

Fleming College ceramics student Will Ruppel works on a piece for the upcoming Student Show and Sale on December 16.

Student Show offers perfect gifts

Fleming College's Haliburton School of the Arts will be hosting visitors again this year for the annual Student Show and Sale.

More than 50 students from the Artist Blacksmith, Ceramics, Drawing and Painting, Photo Arts, and Textile Surface Design programs will be presenting newly created works for public display and sale.

This is the third year that the sale has been held in the fully accessible new campus building at 297 College Drive. John Currie, senior facilities manager at the college, has seen the event grow over the years: "The show is very professionally done. The students all put in a lot of work to display the pieces in a nice and professional atmosphere. It's great."

Students come to the college every year from across Canada and around the world to study with nationally and internationally acclaimed artists. The Student Show and Sale is an event that showcases the talents that students have spent the autumn semester developing in their respective disciplines.

Jim Blake, coordinator of the Arts Council, is aware of the show's reputation. "It's a great opportunity to see and support the work of emerging artists... and fill your Christmas stockings!"

The event is free and welcomes all visitors to come and meet the artists, tour the campus, and view or buy recent works. Weather permitting, guests will also be able to take a winter walk or ski through the phenomenal Haliburton Sculpture Forest in Glebe Park; featuring 17 installations by Canadian Artists in a beautiful outdoor setting.

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Going wild over Legion's wildlife dinner

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The Legion's Wildlife Dinner was an evening to remember as everyone had the opportunity to sample the well-prepared array of wild meats, veggies and pies. Thank you to all the men and ladies who worked so hard at making this a special evening.

Just a reminder that the 2006 bursaries are now available. This is an excellent opportunity for students who are children or grandchildren of Canadian ex-service persons who need help to subsidize their college or university. The Ontario Bursary Program is through Ontario Command and the deadline for this is February. For more information on the scholarships and bursary programs, please contact Jan Sorensen.

The Loop Children's Santa Claus Parade in Wilberforce on December 10 is just a week away. Please meet at 12:15. If you wish to be in the colour party for the parade, please contact Len Crawford.

Here is a great Christmas gift. The Wilberforce Legion Ladies Auxiliary is please to offer their Cook Books for sale. Cost is only $10. They are available from the Bar Steward.

Here is another great Christmas gift or a gift for yourself. Hilary Klapow has come up with this great fundraising activity. It is simple and effective. As a member of the Legion, every time you go shopping, dine out, shop for clothes or buy gifts, you could be raising funds for our Legion. The Wilberforce Legion has partnered with the Shop and Support Fundraising Program to raise funds for a new water system. All you do is purchase shopping/gift cards through the Shop and Support Program at full face value and use them in-store for purchases, instead of paying with cash, debit or credit cards. There are more than 200 brand name retailers including all major grocery stores, Wilberforce Foodland, Esso, Wal-Mart, Shoppers Drug Mart, Petro-Canada, The Home Deport, Canadian Tire and many, many more. Percentages by retailer vary from one to 15 per cent and this amount of your shopping/gift card goes to our Legion. You actually can order online, pay online and have your order for cards delivered to the Legion for your pick up or have them delivered to your home. The program costs you nothing; it simply takes advantage of your everyday shopping, budgeting and gift giving and what a great way for you to help raise funds for the Legion.

To get the ball rolling on this great fundraiser Hilary has purchased some of the cards and they are available at the Legion for you to purchase along with catalogues and order forms. You can get more information on this by visiting The Shop and Support Fundraising Program website at shopandsupport.ca or by calling toll-free at 1-866-387 8073 or call Hilary Klapow at (705) 448-2054 or e-mail hklapow@gmail.com. Shop and Support Order Forms are available at the Legion and orders must be in by Monday at noon for pickup on Thursday or you may register as a supporter online. Our Legion group, registration number is ID #0100558413.

Lest We Forget:

Get well wishes go out to Doug Hatch who is presently in the Sunnybrook Hospital and Chuck O'Neil who is in Toronto General.

There are many great upcoming events:
December 5: 7:00 p.m. Executive Meeting
December 6: 7:30 p.m. darts
December 6: 1:00 p.m. euchre
December 7: 1:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary
December 8: 1:00 p.m. pool
December 8: 7:00 p.m. pot luck
December 9: 3:00 p.m. meat draw
December 10: All you can eat Sunday brunch. 9 a.m.-12 noon. Adults $6 children $3 and children under 6 free.
December 13: 7:30 p.m. darts
December 14: 1:00 p.m. euchre
December 16: 3:00 p.m. meat draw
December 16: dance
December 19: general meeting 7:00 p.m.
December 20: 7:30 darts
December 23: 3:00 p.m. meat draw
December 25: Merry Christmas to all!
December 27: 7:30 darts
December 30: 3:00 p.m. meat draw
December 31: New Years Eve Dance 9:00 p.m.
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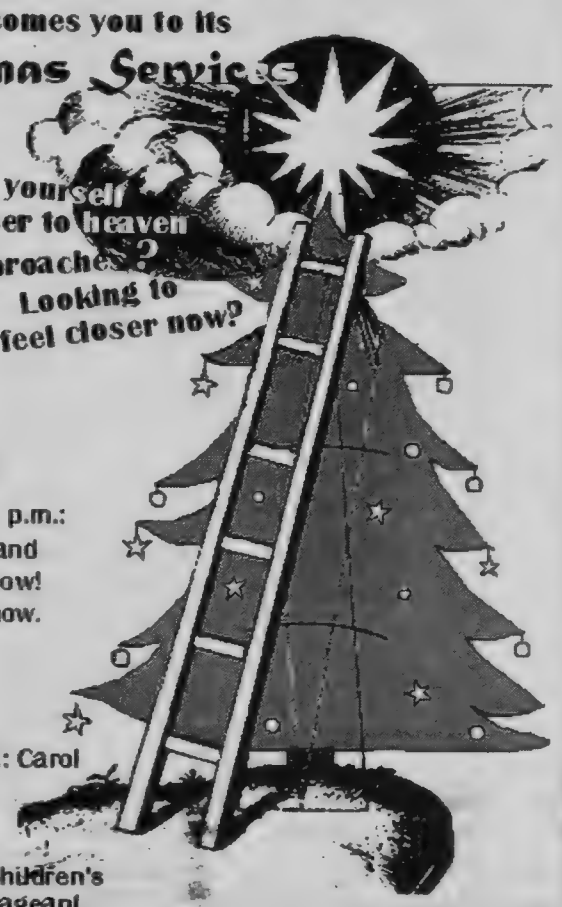

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St. Margaret's
12:00 noon: Christmas Eve Eucharist

Sun. Dec. 31
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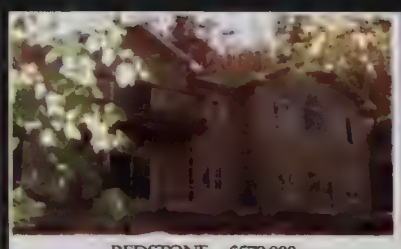

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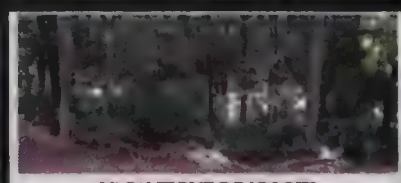

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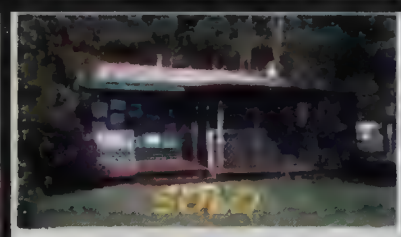

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Sue Black, Canoe FM's station co-ordinator, received a big donation from Robert denBoer, president of the Rotary Club of Haliburton for the station's emergency generator fund. The Rotary Club donation enabled Canoe to reach its financial objective and complete its drive to fund the purchase and installation of three generators. This will enable the county's non-profit community radio station to remain on the air and broadcast emergency information when power failures hit the region.

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: December 11th, 2006

TIME: Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:
The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of an original shore road allowance located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

Applicant: Rausch
Location: Little Kennisis Lake
- Shoreline Road Allowance
- Part of the Original Shoreline Road Allowance in Front of Lot 20, Concession 5,
- Geographic Township of Havelock
- Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying. Ltd., dated September 26, 2006, being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dsyart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road alowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any persons who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 28th day of November, 2006.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Municipal Planner

REAL ESTATE

REAL ESTATE UPDATE

SINGLE HOME AS INVESTMENT

QUESTION: As a first-time buyer, what do you think of the single family home as an investment?

ANSWER: The single family home is an ideal purchase because you can enjoy the "use value" of the property by renting it out *or* living in it. If you select a home in the proper area, it should increase in market value over a period of time.

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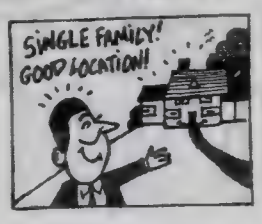

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Township of Algonquin Highlands

NOTICE
TO ALL RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

Please take notice that effective immediately, the emergency brush dumps located within the Township of Algonquin Highlands created by the municipality during the summer tornados to receive storm related brush and debris are hereby closed and will not receive any further materials.

The Township will continue to receive "storm related" brush and debris (excluding stumps) at the Maple Lake Landfill Facility located off of North Shore Road until December 31, 2006.

We thank all residents of the Township for their co-operation and understanding during and after the devastating storm event that occurred on August 2, 2006.

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CURRENT EVENTS

• **Dec. 6:** A Vigil of Remembrance of the Montreal Massacre and a ceremony to honour women and their accomplishments will be held from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. at the Village Green (the parkette beside the CIBC on Bobcaygeon Road) in Minden. All are welcome.

• **Dec. 6:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located in the Community Care Drop-In Centre in the Halco Plaza in Haliburton. Subsequent clinics the first Wed. of every month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.

• **Dec. 7:** Outpost Historic House Museum – Christmas Open House. Thurs., 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Refreshments. Natural decorations.

• **Dec. 7:** Kinmount Celebrates "Lights Across Canada – Thurs., Dec. 7, 7 p.m., Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Refreshments following the lighting of the tree. Visit with Santa, Carol Singing, hot chocolate and cookies. Join us for our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Sponsored by The Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development. Floats to assemble by 1:30 p.m. at Tim-Br-Mart Lumber. For more info. Call 488-2635.

• **Dec. 9:** Roast Beef Dinner, Haliburton United Church, Sat., 5:30 p.m. Children under 6 free. Tickets avail. from church office or a Mission Trip Team Member, Masters Bookstore. Silent Auction. A fund raiser for (TM).

• **Dec. 10:** Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols. St. Paul's Church, Minden at 4:00 p.m. St. Paul's Choir, organist Elaine Bell, guest soloists Janice Kiteley & Nicole Jennings. Refreshments to follow.

• **Dec. 10:** Northern Lights Vocational is sponsoring the "Free Public Skating" on Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Minden Arena.

• **Dec. 11:** Highlands Wind Symphony – 8th Annual Christmas Concert. Mon., Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton. Tickets avail. at: Masters Bookstore, Haliburton; Pharmasave Drugstore, Minden. For info call 457-2862.

• **Dec. 13:** Lochlin United Church annual community "Old Fashioned Christmas Carol sing-along", Wed., 7:30 p.m. Lochlin Rd. off County Rd. #1, Lochlin. Refreshments following: Hot cider and Christmas goodies. Donations to the Food Bank gratefully accepted.

• **Dec. 14:** Play & Learn in Wilberforce with the Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach. Our last stop of the year will be on Thurs., Dec. 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will be having a Christmas party that day and Santa will be visiting the children at circle time. Please let us know if you will be attending. Our first visit in the New Year will be Jan. 11, 2007. Call for more information 457-2989.

• **Dec. 14:** Minden Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.

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• **Until Dec. 14:** Recreational Squash – Thursday evenings. Beside Haliburton Arena 7-9 p.m. Beginners welcome anytime. Racquets available. Free Lessons. Call 457-2862.

• **Haliburton Legion, Br. 129** – Every Wednesday night is Bingo night. Early Bird starts at 7:00 p.m.

• **Haliburton Legion Branch 129** – General Meeting – 2nd Thursday of each month (excluding January & February) at 7:30 p.m. Call 457-2571.

• **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636,** Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

• **Adult Badminton:** Mondays - 8 - 10 p.m. Now until May 28/07 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship & fitness. Call 286-1765 for further information.

• **Tea at 3:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Every Wednesday, for adults who like to talk about ART and drink tea. 3 o'clock. Free. Call 457-2330.

• **For women** experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7656.

• **The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** meets every second Wednesday of each month at Camp Adelaide, which is on #118, between Haliburton & Tory Hill. The building is open from 10 a.m. for those who want to do some quilting, etc., and the general meeting starts at 1 p.m. with refreshments at mid-meeting. Guests and new members are welcome. Call Anita Dobell at 457-3723.

• **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years and over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call (705) 328-6175.

• **Township of Algonquin Highlands** – For adults and seniors in the community, Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups** on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120, AS AMENDED
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** Tuesday January 2nd, 2007.
- **TIME:** 5:30 pm.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Bain and Vanlieshout:
   - Purpose and Effect: to permit the addition of two small parcels of land to the adjacent properties. The proposed by-law zones the two small parcels consistent with the lands to which they will be added.
     - Zone change to Residential Type 2 (R2).
   - Location: Part Lot 24, Concession 3, Guilford Township (Bushwolf Road).
   - This application is a condition of applications for consent H-96/2006 and H-97/2006.

2. Lands of Robertson:
   - Purpose and Effect: to permit the creation of one additional lot for waterfront residential purposes. To permit construction of a boathouse. To restrict structural development in an area of steep slopes.
     - Zone change to Waterfront Residential Type 3L-3 (WR3L-3) and Open Space Exception 1 (OS-1).
   - Location: Part of Lots 1 and 2, Concession 14, Havelock Township, (Dennison Island, Kawagama Lake).
   - This application is a condition of application for consent H-152/2005 revised.
   - This property is subject to application for minor variance D13-MV-06-029, which legally recognizes the location of the existing buildings on the retained lands.

3. Lands of Greif Bros. Canada Inc.:
   - Purpose and Effect: to permit the creation of three additional lots for waterfront residential purposes. To restrict development in a small wetland area, which provides fish habitat.
     - Zone change to Waterfront Residential Type 6L (WR6L) and Environmental Protection (EP).
   - Location: Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, Concession 6, Harburn Township, (north shore of Oblong Lake).
   - This application is a condition of applications for consent H-42/2006, H-43/2006 and H-44/2006.

4. Lands of Sustronk:
   - Purpose and Effect: to permit the creation of one additional lot for waterfront residential purposes. To restrict development adjacent to two areas, which have been identified as critical fish habitat.
     - Zone change to Waterfront Residential Type 3L (WR3L) and Environmental Protection (EP).
   - Location: Part of Lots 12, 13 and 14, Concession 13, Havelock Township, (south-east shore of Kawagama Lake).
   - This application is a condition of application for consent H-19/2005.

- **IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** that files an appeal of a decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al in respect of the proposed zoning by-law, does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

- **FURTHER INFORMATION:** including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 5th day of December, 2006.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
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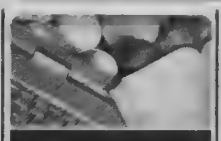

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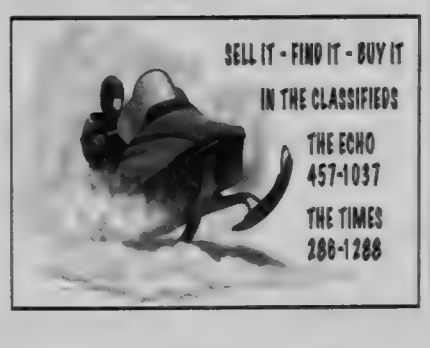

Miscellaneous A230

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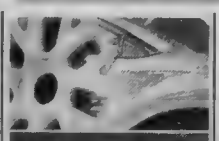

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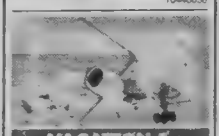

General Employment A800

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General Employment A800

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EDUCATION

NOTICES

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Coming Events A940

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Coming Events A940

THE HERALD
A Play by Ryan Dawson
A Story about following the whispers of the heart
Starring:
Kathryn Boyd, Mike Johnson, Ryan Dawson, Erin Lynch and Greg Luck
Saturday December 16, 2006 at 8:00 pm At the Northern Lights Performing arts Pavillion
Tickets $10.00 Call 286-3202 to reserve.
SECOND SHOW ADDED!!
Saturday December 16, 2 pm Matinee tickets are going fast... Call 286-3202 to reserve seats.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 10th
4 p.m.
St. Paul's Church, Minden
(19 Invergordon, across the river from the Beer Store)
St. Paul's Choir
Elaine Bell,
Organist & Choir Director
Janice Kiteley & Nicole Jennings,
Guest Soloists

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Open 9-4 pm. All weekends in December (restaurant also).

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Don't miss out on getting your tickets for the "HERALD" Dec. 16th, 8:00 pm at the Northern Lights Pavillion.. a play by Ryan Dawson.. A Matinee has been added Sat. at 2pm, Reserve early (286-3202).

General Employment A800

YWCA Peterborough, Haliburton — A Turning Point for Women

YWCA Outreach Services Coordinator

The YWCA is a woman led organization that exists to support the right of all women and their families to live free from violence, poverty, and oppression.

We seek a Coordinator to manage, coordinate and develop YWCA Outreach Services and Programs for women and their families in Haliburton and Peterborough Counties. This includes supervision of outreach services staff in our rural and urban violence against women outreach services and food action initiatives, administrative functions, participation in management team, and shared on-call supervisory duties. The ability to work under pressure and effectively handle many tasks at one time is needed to be successful in this position. Start: December 2006. 35 hours/week. Office location: Minden and Peterborough. Salary Range: $38,523 – 45,660 plus benefit package.

Qualifications: post secondary education in women's studies/social services, or related field, with a minimum of three year management/supervisory experience.

Skills we seek: demonstrated ability to be an effective leader, manage and coordinate programs (daily operations, transitions and change), and work proactively with staff teams in a unionized workplace using a collaborative management style; sound understanding of violence against women and poverty issues, related legislation and a demonstrated ability to deliver direct services; skills in program development, evaluation, budgeting, conflict resolution and problem-solving; communications, fundraising, and public speaking; knowledge of large group dynamics, commitment to anti-oppression work, proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel, Internet Communications and own transportation. Must be effective communicator in English, with other languages, including ASL, an asset. Travel between Minden and Peterborough is required.

Submit cover letter and resume by 4:30 pm on Friday, December 15, 2006 to:
B. McEwen, Director of Shelter and Outreach,
YWCA of Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton.
216 Simcoe St. Peterborough, Ont. K9H 2H7 Fax: 705-745-4654
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Presents
"THE NUTCRACKER"

Saturday, Dec. 9th, 7:30 pm &
Sunday, Dec. 10th, 2:00 pm
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Northern Lights
Performing Arts Pavilion
Tickets are available at
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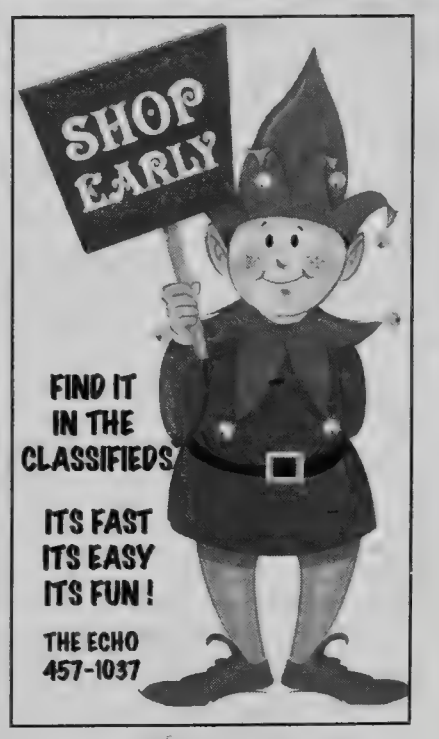
Saturday, December 9th
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Bake Goods, Crafts, White Elephant Table & Refreshments!
All proceeds will go towards the Resident's Council Fund



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research in cooperation with the Haliburton County Community Cooperative and Environment Haliburton are seeking an organized and creative individual for a 4 month youth intern position. Due to funding requirements candidates should have a diploma or degree from a post-secondary institution and be under the age of thirty.

Please visit the U-Links website for more details www.ulinks.ca or call (705) 286-2411

Interested persons should submit a cover letter and resume to the attention of Kate Hall, Director, via mail, fax or e-mail by December 11, 2006. Only applicants invited to an interview will be contacted.

U-Links ~ Box 655
Minden ON K0M 1S0
Phone: (705) 286-2411 Fax: (705) 286-3511
Email: ulinks@on.aibn.com
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Sincerely
Glen Madill

Thank You Cards

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~ Gratefully, Shirley McCarthy

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Thanks to Tony, Laurie and Donna for the extra hours worked to meet our deadline.
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Card of thanks

WAGGETT

My **Heartfelt Thanks** go out to Dr. Mike Armstrong, Emergency Dr's., Acute Care & Emergency nurses, the Physiotherapy Dept., and to all the Staff at Haliburton Hospital for their kind care and support of my husband, Keith. Thank you to all EMS Ambulance drivers for their safe transport to and from Toronto and Peterborough. **A Special Thank You to EVERYONE** - family, friends, neighbours, Haliburton Curling Club, Youth Curlers, Field Naturalists, Quilt Guild, Step-It Fitness Group and my Book Club gals for all the phone calls, emails, offers of help, cards of support and condolence, and donations made in Keith's name during this very difficult time. Thank you to Dwaine, Lori, Craig and Molly at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for your support and assistance. Special thanks to Rev. Faun Harriman for her thoughtful service and to John Menzies for honouring my music selections. Haliburton County is truly a **"caring community"**.

My fondest appreciation,
Mary Lou Waggett

In memoriam

BIRD, Dianne - In loving memory of my daughter Dianne who left us three years ago December 11, 2003.

You were someone special, who can never be replaced. Your memories in my daily life can never be erased. Time cannot steal the memories I carry in my heart or take away the happy years of which you were apart. Those we love don't go away they walk beside us everyday, unseen, unheard, but always near ,still loved, still missed, Still always near.

- Your loving mom - Marg Harrison

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BIRD - In Loving Memory of Our Mom and Grandma Dianne Bird, who passed away December 11, 2003

Although you're always in our hearts, this time of the year is especially hard. The lights and magic of the holidays reflect your efforts to make every Christmas we shared the best Christmas ever. Your unselfish love and dedication to family is missed everyday. We were so blessed to have had you as a Mom and Grandma.... We just wish it could have lasted much longer.

- Love always Kellie, Steve, Logan and Rachel XOXOXOXOXOXOXOXOXO

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BURK, Norma - In loving memory of my wife Norma who passed away Dec. 6, 2003.

How do I write on paper
the feeling I have inside,
Of the emptiness and heartaches
I feel since you have died.
To me you were so special
What more is there to say,
Except to wish with all my heart
That you were here today.

- Forever in my heart, Neil.

10458058

COWAN, Marylin - In loving memory of a wonderful caring wife, mother and grandma who passed away December 11, 2002.

Always a smile, instead of a frown. Always a hand, when one was down, Always true, thoughtful and kind. Wonderful memories she left behind.
Missing you and loving you always.

Russell
Paul & Kim, Lauren, Adam, Jeff & Hilary
Chris & Kim, Brady & Paige

10460684

In memoriam

FIELDING, Joy - Passed away December 3, 2006.

No Matter how eloquent the words, the heartache still remains. I miss you mom.

- Richard

10458319

MATHEWS - In memory of our beloved son Benjamin Daniel Jan 24/62 - Dec. 6/79.

There's a special kind of closeness that only a family knows. It starts in childhood days and deepens as love grows. There's a special kind of happiness in sharing little things, The laughter, smile and tears. That growing together brings. There is a family who misses you dearly In a home where you use to be. There's a family who wanted to keep you but God willed it not to be. You left a wealth of happy memories and a sorrow to great to be hold But to us who loved and lost you Your memory will never grow old.

- Forever in our hearts Mom and Dad

10460014

WINTER, Cecil B. Passed Away
December 2, 2003

We didn't know that evening,
Till we were told you had passed away.
Our hearts were almost broken,
We wanted you to stay.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you left without the pain.
You left us with beautiful memories,
And your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
We miss you dad.

~ Brent, Sally Ann & Tim and Families

10462284

Announcements

Memorial services

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7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 12, 2006

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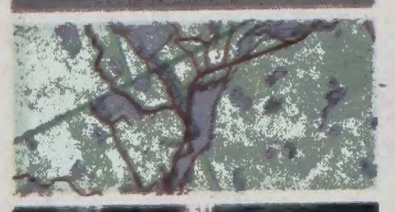

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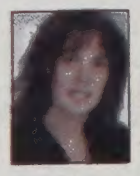

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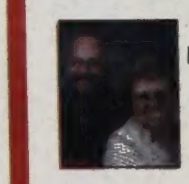

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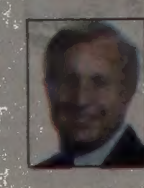

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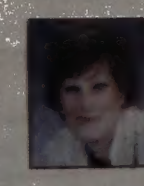

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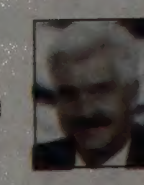

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